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SUMMARY.

The meeting of King Edward and the German Emperor at Cronberg was most cordial. They received great ovations from the people.

Their Majesties are visiting places of interest, including Homburg.

The "Times" correspondent at Berlin says the meeting occasioned general satisfaction in Germany, and the impulse of the moment is probably genuine.

Several conflicts between the police and revolutionaries have taken place at Warsaw.

Two bombs were thrown into a police station, wounding two policemen ad an infantryman.

An infantry patrol hearing the explosion hastened to the scene and fired volleys in the street, wounding 20 persons.

Revolutionaries organised wholesale shootings of the police, and killed 28 policemen and soldiers, and wounded 17.

Soldiers volleying in reply to the onslaught killed 15 persons and wounded 130 with bullets and bayonets.

A police station at Lodz, Poland, was wrecked by bombs, and five persons were killed.

Infantry patrols fired volleys in all directions, killing two people and wounding many. Business was suspended.

Cossacks at Tiflis, Transcaucasia, refused to perform police duty. A number were arrested.

Greece complains that Bulgaria received warnings that the recent outbreaks were likely to occur, and ignored them.

Rigorous measures have been taken to prevent fresh trouble.

The Greek Metropolitan at Anchialos, who was reported to be burned to death, was found alive hidden in a cottage.

On the steamer Ben Vrackie, which left Capetown on July 11 for Cape Otway, 15 guineas per cent. for reinsurance has been paid.

The vessel was sighted off Cape Otway yesterday evening.

Colonel M'Kenzie, who commanded the Natal troops against the rebels, said that the colony had traversed a critical time.

A single reverse would have meant a general rising throughout Natal.

Owing to the Chicago revelations, a London firm of kosher butchers and canners has received urgent orders from New York for tinned goods.

Moderates in France anticipate that ultimately a modus vivendi with the Church will be arranged.

The Dutch Government has withdrawn the bill for establishing a consulate at Johannesburg.

Mr. Wellman, who intended to attempt to reach the North Pole by airship, owing to the lateness of the season has abandoned the voyage for this year.

The birthrate in England and Wales for the last quarter was equal to 27.5 annually for 1000, being the lowest on record.

It is officially announced that the Marylebone Cricket Club has decided not to send a team to Australia this year.

By a boat capsizing at Buckie five Glasgow holiday-makers were drowned.

The cruel treatment of sailors formed the subject of a debate in the Legislative Assembly yesterday evening.

The Premier said a good deal of crimping had been going on at Newcastle.

The Government had taken certain action, which brought about a considerable diminution of the practice.

It was determined to put down crimping and to protect seamen.

The motion for the third reading of the Lotteries Bill in the Legislative Council has been postponed till Wednesday.

Mr. Dangar remarked that they seemed to be legislating on the subject of lotteries almost in a panic.

The Minister for Lands has not decided under what tenure the Pilliga scrub lands will be placed.

The cargo steamer Port Chalmers, which is ashore in Torres Straits, is not making any water.

Arrangements have been made for lightering the vessel.

The Northern Colliery Owners will hold a conference on Saturday with the miners' representatives regarding the hewing rate.

It is expected that a satisfactory understanding will be reached.

The Free Education Bill was read a second time in the Legislative Assembly yesterday and taken through committee.

Of an enrolment of 238,000 children for the State, about 40,000 received free education.

The fees received last year amounted to £73,317.

Under existing conditions the cost of education was 10s 3d per head of the population.

A meeting of commercial men was held under the auspices of the Immigration League at the Royal Exchange yesterday.

A motion urging the Federal Government to adopt more strenuous measures in furtherance of a vigorous policy of immigration was carried.

References were made to the good work being accomplished by the league.

Lord Northcote has abandoned the coastal trip south from Grafton, and will leave that city for Brisbane to-day.

Disappointment is felt on the North Coast at the engagements being cancelled.

A banquet was to have been held last night at Coff's Harbour, which was decorated.

The late arrival at Grafton of the motor cars sent from Glen Innes and inclement weather were the cause of the abandonment.

The ship Melville Island, which was ashore near Wallaroo (S.A.), was floated off on Wednesday and towed to Port Pirie.

Showers again fell on the North Coast yesterday. At Clarence Heads 148 points, Grafton 70, and Tweed Heads 52 points were recorded.

Among the falls in the north-east quadrant were:—Glen Innes 90 points, Emmaville 86, Bingara 60, Armidale 54, and Bendemeer 49.

The Acting Government Meteorologist expects there will be rain to-day in the far west, and that it will extend eastwards.

The ship Deckan has been arrested at Port Adelaide at the instance of nine seamen, who have made a claim for wages.

Suggestions have been made for the holding of a military encampment near Albury next Easter.

It is proposed to bring together 10,000 troops under complete service conditions.

A deputation to the Minister for Works yesterday urged the extension of the tramway from Rozelle Post-office to Leichhardt, a distance of three-quarters of a mile.

The Minister said he would obtain a report of the probable cost and earnings of the line.

Counterfeit halfcrowns have been circulated at Goulburn. One bank refused seven.

At the Kalgoorlie races on Wednesday £36,618 10s was invested in the totalisator.

The Kalgoorlie Cup resulted:—Mr. P. A. Connolly's May King, 1; The Snail, 2; Little Mary, 3.

The proposed excise duties on spirits were further considered by the House of Representatives in committee yesterday.

Mr. J. Cook said the classification of blended grain brandy would encourage the manufacture of inferior spirit.

From a new clause the term "grain brandy" was omitted, and "blended spirit" substituted.

At the Homebush sales yesterday the general run of the sheep offered was much better than of late.

Prime sheep sold up to 21s 6d, a few to 23s; lambs, up to 15s 6d, odd pens to 17s; bullocks to £12, extra prime to £14.

On 'Change yesterday a fair business was transacted in investment stocks.

The Mining market was extremely dull. Prices were firmly maintained. The volume of business was very small.

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Children's Mugs, small	2/

The above are in Yellow, Green, or Lemon Shades.

Baby's Plates, Cream colour only	2/6
Porridge Bowls	3/3
Open Sugar Basins, small	3/
Open Sugar Basins, large	3/6
China Vases, 4in, assorted shapes	3/3
China Vases, 5in, assorted shapes	4/9

The above are in Yellow, Green or Lemon Shades.

Loving Cups, two handles, Cream colour	7/6
Fern Pots, Square Shape, small size	4/3
Fern Pots, Square Shape, large size	6/6
Flower Pots, Round Shape, 9in	11/6
Flower Pots, Round Shape, 10in	13/6
Jugs, assorted shapes	2/9
Jugs, assorted shapes	8/
Tobacco Jars, assorted shapes	6/5
Teapots, large size	4/6
Teapots, medium size	3/9
Teapots, small size	3/3
Cake Plates, large	2/3
Vases, Ewer Shape, 8½in	5/9
Vases, assorted shapes, 6in	5/6
Vases, assorted shapes, 8in	8/3
Vases, assorted shapes, 9½in	6/9
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GERA	5,005	F. Prosch	Oct. 13	Oct. 20
*ZIETEN	8,043	F. v. Binner	Nov. 10	Nov. 17
*G. KURFUERST	13,182	E. Prehn	Dec. 8	Dec. 15
			1907.	1907.
*BARBAROSSA	10,914	Langreuter	Jan. 5	Jan. 12
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OROYA	6297	Parker	Sept. 8	Sept. 11	Sept. 13
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MANUKA (Twin Screw), WEDNESDAY, Sept. 12, at 3 p.m.
For WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, DUNEDIN, BLUFF, HOBART, and MELBOURNE (transhipping to outports)—
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WARRIMOO, SATURDAY, September 1, at 1 p.m.

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From HOBART—August 25; September 4, 18, 29.
For LAUNCESTON, via EDEN—
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NAVUA (Twin Screw), TUESDAY, August 21, at noon.
For TONGA (Nukualofa, Haapai, and Vavau), SAMOA (Apia), FIJI, thence to Sydney—
ATUA (Twin Screw), from Auckland, TUESDAY, August 21.
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From MELBOURNE, via HOBART and BLUFF—
WIMMERA, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.

TASMANIA.

HOBART—
WESTRALIA, MONDAY, August 27.
From HOBART—
WESTRALIA, AUGUST 22, 31.
LAUNCESTON—
From MELBOURNE.—COOGEE, Aug. 18, 22.

MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE (Transhipping for PORT PIRIE), ALBANY FREMANTLE (Transhipping for PERTH, GERALDTON, and North-west Ports). } RIVERINA, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1 p.m. (Without Transhipment). Carrying FIRST and SECOND SALOON and THIRD CLASS Passengers. Deck Cabins. Early application for Berths necessary.

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HORTON'S ROSES.

Planting Season for Roses is gradually closing, and it is customary for us to make Special Offers of all Surplus Stocks at end of each season. This year, however, has been an exceptionally busy one for us. We have, therefore, a very limited number to offer. The sorts given below are mostly new ones, introduced here only last season.

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A Special Service of Trams will be run to the Agricultural Ground from Circular Quay and Eddy-avenue, commencing at 10.38 a.m.

By order of the Commissioners.
(T. 69) H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

New South Wales Government Railways, Railway Commissioners' Office, Sydney, August 14, 1906.

TENDERS for the undermentioned Works, Supplies, etc., etc., will be received at the Railway Commissioners' Office, Sydney, until 12 o'clock (noon) on the dates specified:—

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 1906.
The PURCHASE OF SCRAP BRASS, COPPER, etc. Particulars, Railway Stores, Eveleigh.

MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 1906.
The SUPPLY of 100,000 BRICKS required for Northern Division. Particulars, Railway Stores, Eveleigh.
The SUPPLY OF CASTOR OIL required for Railways and Tramways for the period from 1st November, 1906, to 30th June, 1907. Tender forms, etc., Railway Stores, Eveleigh.
The SUPPLY OF BEECH TIMBER, required during the period ending June 30, 1907. Particulars, Railway Stores, Eveleigh.

The Commissioners do not bind themselves to accept the highest or lowest, as the case may be, or any Tender.
By order of the Commissioners,
H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

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FOURTH RECITAL POSTPONED UNTIL SATURDAY EVENING.

The Management very much regret that, owing to the sudden indisposition of Mdlle Dolores, it was necessary to POSTPONE LAST NIGHT'S RECITAL. Every possible means of notifying Patrons was seized upon, and it is hoped that as little inconvenience as possible was caused.

Mdlle. DOLORES wishes to express her best Thanks to the Public for their kind indulgence, and feels confident that in putting off her Recital until Saturday she would be able to appear in her usual form, as her indisposition fortunately was of a temporary nature.

THE FOURTH AND LAST RECITAL
WILL BE GIVEN ON
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TICKETS Booked for Thursday will hold good for Saturday Evening, and the Seats will be the same as already marked off. Money will be refunded on production of Tickets to those who cannot use them for Saturday Evening, from 10 a.m. at Paling's.

Patrons will confer a favour on the Management by returning their Tickets TO-DAY if they do not intend to use them on Saturday, as already numerous applications are being made for same at the Box Office.

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MONSTER UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE OF BUILDING MATERIALS AT THE NEWTOWN MARKETS, SATURDAY NEXT, AT 2.30 SHARP.
JAMES COWAN will sell in Lots to SUIT PURCHASERS.
TERMS CASH.

IN Inglis' Coffee Essence the full flavour and aroma of the coffee are retained.

DENTISTRY.—Pascoe's American Painless Extract's, 9 to 10 a.m., Sats. 1 to 6, 1s. Hoffnung's-ch, Pitt-st.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 11 A.M.
SECOND DAY'S SALE.
EXTENSIVE UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE at THE FINE ART AND GENERAL SALEROOMS of
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
128-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET,
under instructions from
THE EXECUTORS IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE W. H. HOSKINGS, Esq.
And for and on account of SEVERAL INTERESTS AND VARIOUS VENDORS.
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and GENERAL APPOINTMENTS AND REQUISITES.
STERLING SILVER.
RARE BRONZES. MARBLE STATUARY. ARTIST-PROOF ENGRAVINGS.
MAGNIFICENT BEDROOM SUITES.
SIMON LIPP PIANOFORTE.
BROADWOOD PIANOFORTE.
Also,
THREE HUNDRED LOTS of FIRST-CLASS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS.
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
FINE ART AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
128-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.
TELEPHONE, 2056.

RANDWICK.
THIS DAY, AT 11 A.M.,
HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION, at the Residence,
RATHGAR,
WALSH'S-AVENUE, FACING RANDWICK PARK,
the Whole of the SUPERIOR MODERN FURNITURE and COSTLY APPOINTMENTS,
under instructions from THOSE CONCERNED.
FINEST QUALITY ELECTROPLATE. FINE CHINA AND GLASSWARE.
TWO SPLENDID PIANOS
by Eminent Makers, being Upright Grands, full Iron Frame, etc., etc.
COSTLY AND ELEGANT ORNAMENTS.
ARTISTS' PROOF ENGRAVINGS.
OILPAINTINGS, WATER COLOURS, etc.
SWISS LACE CURTAINS. VELVET PILE CARPETS.
CHIPPENDALE DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE.
ETAGERES, BRACKETS, WALL MIRRORS.
SOLID WALNUT SIDEBOARD,
Fitted with all necessaries, size 8ft.
LEATHER DINING-ROOM SUITE, Nine Pieces, in excellent condition.
GRAMOPHONE, REVOLVING BOOKCASE.
DOUBLE BEDROOM SUITE. SEVERAL SINGLE BEDROOM SUITES. DOUBLE, THREE-QUARTER, and SINGLE BEDSTEADS, with best bedding complete.
SINGER'S CABINET SEWING MACHINE.
LINEN PRESS, GO-CART, TWO COTS, GLASS SLIDING DOOR DRESSER.
TWO-ROLLER MANGLE.
HOUSEHOLD LINEN.
EUREKA GAS STOVE, No. 410.
KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY REQUISITES.
***This is one of the best sales held for some time, and the AUCTIONEERS regret that limited time prevents their having book catalogue prepared.
SYDNEY DAVIS AND CO., AUCTIONEERS, 3 POST OFFICE-CHAMBERS. Tel., 2187.

NEUTRAL BAY.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, at 11 o'clock.
At the Residence of Mrs. E. HOPE, 80 WYCOMBE-ROAD,
in consequence of her departure from the State.
The Whole of the Superior HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS of this artistically-furnished Villa Residence.
HANDSOME PIANO, by Chappel.
M. DE LISSA has been favoured with instructions to dispose of the artistic house Furniture as above, WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.
ON VIEW THIS MORNING PRIOR TO SALE. Ferry to Hayes-street Wharf, and tram to door.

THIS DAY.
JOHN P. LISTER will sell by Auction, at his Rooms, 247A PITT-STREET,
The Unredeemed Pledges pawned with Mr. J. A. MILLER, of 106 Goulburn-street.
At 11 o'clock, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc.
At 2.30 o'clock, Sundries and Jewellery.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY.
ORDER OF SALE
CITY AND SUBURBAN PROPERTIES, to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, At the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m., THIS DAY, FRIDAY.
CITY.—Large Block of Land, Sussex-street, between Bathurst and Liverpool streets, together with 7 Stores, Nos. 306 to 318, and 10 Houses at rear, thereon.
ENMORE.—Two Houses and Vacant Land, Kilmanagh and Iris, Nos. 8 and 11, Edgeware and Enmore roads. Executor's Sale.
NEWTOWN.—House, Eldon, No. 58 Queen-street, between King and Wilson streets.
LEWISHAM.—Superior Residence, Arleston, Boulevard, Eltham-street, and New Canterbury road. Executor's Sale.
LEWISHAM.—Allotment, Douglas-street, off New Canterbury-road. Executor's Sale.
LEWISHAM.—Cottage, Windigal, the Boulevard.
SUMMER HILL.—Two Cottages, Nos. 13 and 15, and Vacant Land, corner of Junction-road and Bartlett-street.
ASHFIELD.—Cottage, Orpington-street, opposite Mrs. Stiles' Ladies' School.
LEICHHARDT.—Cottage, No. 61 Junior-street, corner of Roseby-street.
BOTANY.—Three Houses, Botany-road, and Cottage at rear, opposite Sir Joseph Banks Hotel.
BELMORE.—Corner Block Land, Canterbury and Burwood roads. Executor's Sale.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

DULWICH HILL.
HASTINGS-STREET, off LIVINGSTONE-ROAD, only 3 minutes from tram.
ELEVATED POSITION. SELECT LOCALITY.
FAIRFORD.
For POSITIVE AUCTION SALE, on the Ground, TO-MORROW, at 3 p.m.
Well-built Brick COTTAGE RESIDENCE, slate roof, contg. wide hall, DRAWING and DINING ROOMS (folding doors), 5 BEDROOMS, kitchen, pantry, bathroom, washhouse, laundry, etc., marble mantels, richly corniced, and venetian blinds. LAND, 58 x 150, flower garden and fruit trees. Dwarf wall and iron palisading in front.
HUGH DUFF and CO. have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Ground, TO-MORROW, at 3 o'clock.
Further particulars from Auctioneers, 283 George-street.

KOGARAH.
TO SETTLE AN ESTATE.
LOTS 76 and 77, sec. D, KOGARAH PARK ESTATE, 66ft frontage each to Green-street, by depth 150ft to lane at rear. Torrens Title.
FRED. BROWN, Auctioneer, Hurstville, will sell as above, on the ground, at 3.30 p.m., SATURDAY AUGUST 18.
TERMS CASH.

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WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS.

REFUSE SUBSTITUTES. AVOID IMITATIONS.

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —In Bankruptcy.—No. 17,087.—Re OSCAR MEYER, trading as "O. H. MEYER and CO.," 25 Pitt-street, Sydney, and Oxford-street, Paddington, respectively, Provision Merchant.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First Meeting of Creditors in the above matter will be held at the office of the Official Assignee, at 47 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, on the 29th day of August, at 2 p.m. To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 18th day of August. ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single Meeting of Creditors in the following matters will be held at the Court, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 28th day of August, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 24th day of August:—Re JOHN ANDREW JACKSON (No. 17,093), of Gordon-road, Chatswood, Labourer. ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. L. T. LLOYD, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single Meeting of Creditors in the following matters will be held at the Court, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 23rd day of August, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 20th day of August:—Re JOHN VERNON (No. 17,094), of Parramatta-road, Leichhardt, Letter Carrier. Re CYRIL HUNGERFORD (No. 17,092), of Prince Edward-parade, Hunter's Hill, and 14 and 20 Castlereagh-street, Sydney. Re ANNIE JOSEPHINE GALLAGHER (No. 17,084), of George and Church streets, Parramatta, Widow, Draper. Re WILLIAM JAMES JACKSON (No. 17,089), of Bankstown, near Sydney. ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee. (4c-7)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN JOHNSTON, late of Murrumburrah, in the State of New South Wales, Boot Store Proprietor, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Second Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the twenty-seventh day of September next, at twelve o'clock noon, and inspect the same, and if they think fit object thereto; otherwise, if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on behalf of the Executor. Dated this sixteenth day of August, in the year one thousand nine hundred and six. T. W. GARRETT, Registrar. JOSEPH C. FOLEY, Proctor, Murrumburrah. Agents: WESTGARTH, NATHAN, and CO., Martin-place, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of SAMUEL ALFRED JEEVES, late of Arncliffe, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Contractor, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ANNIE JEEVES, the Widow of the said deceased; and all Notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. And Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Court to dispense with the usual Administration Bond. And all persons having any claim against the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are required to send in particulars thereof to the undersigned within such fourteen days as aforesaid. PERCY C. LAW, Proctor for Applicant, 1A Hunter-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JACOB MATTHEWS, late of Peak Hill, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and the Codicil thereto of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HECTOR NORMAN GIBSON and MARY ANNE MATTHEWS, the Executor and Executrix named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at, and all persons having any claims against the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are requested to furnish particulars thereof to, the undersigned. ALFRED ED. McINTOSH, Proctor for Applicants, Parkes. By his Agents: LANE and ROBERTS, 114 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of GEORGE DIXEY, late of Bures Hamlet, in the County of Essex, England, Gentleman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that the Probate granted by His Majesty's High Court of Justice, in the Principal Registry of its Probate Division, to EMMA DIXEY and CHARLES COUSENS, of the above will, may be sealed with the seal of this Court. All creditors are required to send in particulars of their claims to and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. FISHER and MACANSH, Proctors for the Applicant, English, Scottish, and Australian Bank-chambers, George and King streets, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of FRANCIS SHEPHARD MITCHELL, late of Harden, in the State of New South Wales, Storekeeper, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MINNIE CLEMENTS MITCHELL, the sole Executrix named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. JOSEPH C. FOLEY, Proctor for Executrix, Murrumburrah. Agents: WESTGARTH, NATHAN, and CO., Martin-place, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of THOMAS BAKER, late of Elizabeth Bay, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ELIZABETH MARY BAKER, the Wife of the said deceased, and the sole Executrix named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at, and all claims against the Estate sent to the office of the undersigned. VILLENEUVE SMITH and DAWES, Proctors for Executrix, 28 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of SAMUEL JAMES LANGHAM, late of 83 Harris-street, Pyrmont, in the State of New South Wales, Public Servant, deceased, Intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WILLIAM JOHN LANGHAM, the father of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at 83 Harris-street, Pyrmont.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

Postmaster-General's Department, 14th August, 1906.

TENDERS FOR TELEGRAPH MATERIAL.

ATTENTION is directed to a notice appearing in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, of 4th August, 1906 (a copy of which may be seen at any official Post-office), inviting tenders for the supply of GALVANISED IRON WIRE, INSULATORS, etc., to this Department in Tasmania. To be delivered at Burnie. TENDERS CLOSE 1st SEPTEMBER, 1906.

AUSTIN CHAPMAN, Postmaster-General.

TENDERS.

ARTISTS and PAINTERS.—If you want best quality GOODS at lowest cost, buy from JAMES SANDY and CO., 326-328 George-street.

ESTIMATE wanted for Tarred Metal to be supplied and laid at our Factory. THE WUNDERLICH PATENT CEILING and ROOFING CO., LTD., Baptist-street, Redfern.

ENAMELLED Kitchen Sinks, Copper Boilers, Ironmongery, cheap prices. Macintosh, Sons, 307 Pitt-st.

FOR SALE, Rubble and Footings and Ballast, Hardstone. Apply Excav., Bay-st, Glebe. J. Cassidy.

GOOD Machine BRICKBATS to be had for taking away. 119 and 121 Clarence-st.

KAURI AND WHITE PINE. In stock, 3,000,000 feet; now due Hippolas, 800,000 feet; loading New Zealand, Woollahra, 800,000 feet. Steamers to follow. H. M'KENZIE, Limited, Timber Merchants, Pyrmont.

ONE thousand ft 1½in waterpipe, old ft. Sq. Tanks, 400 Half Tanks. [illegible]

PLUMBER'S Work, 4 cottages, labour only. Apply Hedger, Dalhousie-st, Haberfield, next Post-office.

PLUMBING.—Five Houses. Apply on job, Mary-st, near Albion-st.

PRICE wanted for Making Joinery for two Cottages, labour only. Apply Loftus-st, near Pk., Ashf.

TENDERS are invited for the CONVEYANCE OF WORKMEN to and from GARDEN ISLAND. Particulars obtainable on application to the Captain in Charge Naval Establishments, Sydney. Tenders will be received up to the end of August, 1906, and the lowest not necessarily accepted.

TO BUILDERS. TENDERS are invited for the Erection and Completion of Two Cottages at Randwick. M. RIGDEN, Architect, 70 Hunter-street.

TENDERS invited for Removal and Purchase of large Conservatory Bushhouse. Particulars, C. A. L. LONEY, Haughley, Billyard-avenue, Elizabeth Bay.

TENDERS wanted for 3000 or more BUFFALO TURFS, delivered. BRUNTON'S AUSTRALIAN FLOUR MILLS, Granville.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES BRICK CO., LTD., Huntley-street, Alexandria. (Telephone, 412 Newtown.) Manufacturers of every description of Bricks.

TENDERS for Iron Gates and Railing for 4 cottages. J. O'Neill, Livingstone-rd, Petersham.

TENDERS wanted for Taking Down and Re-erecting Buildings at Manly Chute. Apply on site.

TENDERS wanted for connecting with Sewer. Apply Banksia, Canonbury Grove, Dulwich Hill.

TENDERS.—Bricklayers, to build chimney and piers, L. o. Goodhurst, Hathern-st, Leichhardt.

TENDERS for Papering and Painting two rooms. 519 George-st, near Bathurst-st.

TENDER for Slating and Plastering. Apply R.C. Church, Barry-st, Neutral Bay, or 103 Falcon-st.

TENDERS Building 2-room Weatherboard Cottage, labour and material. A. Court, Edgell-rd, Botany.

TENDERS wanted for Brickwork of Cottage, labour only. Apply J. Carratt, 16 O'Connell-st, city.

WANTED, Supply, Delivery 7000 good second-h. Machine Bricks. W. J. Watson, 50 Charles-st, L'hdt.

WANTED, a PRICE for Laying 20,000 Bricks. H. Boyd, Newtown P.O.

WANTED, a Price for dressing Stone Steps and Treads. J. O'Neill, Livingstone-rd, Petersham.

WIRE Shutters, Window Guards, any Wirework made. Sydney Wire Works, 206 George-st.

LECTURES.

LADIES are invited to attend a Health Lecture at the Vivi Rooms, Equitable-bld., To-day, 3. No charge.

YOU have found the secret of coffee-making when you try Inglis' Coffee Essence.

DENTISTRY.—Pascoe's American Painless Extract's, 9 to 10 a.m., Sats. 1 to 6, 1s. Hoffnung's-ch, Pitt-st.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

HAVE YOU A HOBBY? The Canary Breeding Season is Now on. We have everything for Canary Breeding. Breeding Cages, 4s 6d; Cage Fronts, 1s; Baths, 3d; Zinc Nests, 3d; Wool Nests, 1d; 3ft perches, 1d. We have a magnificent assortment of CANARY CAGES. If you are a lover of birds a few minutes spent in our store will please and entertain you. EASTWAY BROTHERS, 409 and 411 George-street.

CITY OF AUCKLAND, N.Z.

COMPETITIVE DESIGNS FOR TOWN HALL.

The AUCKLAND (N.Z.) CITY COUNCIL invites COMPETITIVE DESIGNS for a TOWN HALL and MUNICIPAL OFFICES.

The premiums offered are £400, £200, and £100 for the first, second, and third approved designs respectively.

The Designs will be received in the Town Clerk's Offices, Coburg-street, Auckland, N.Z., up to 4 o'clock on THURSDAY, 14th day of February, 1907.

Conditions of the Competition and Plan of the Site may be had on application to the Town Clerk, Sydney.

HENRY W. WILSON, Town Clerk.

6th August, 1906.

BOROUGH OF ARMIDALE.

ADVERTISEMENT RE PRIVATE BILL.

NOTICE is hereby given that application is intended to be made to the Parliament of New South Wales during the present session thereof for leave to bring in a Bill to be called the "Armidale Cattle Saleyards Act," to authorise the Council of the Borough of Armidale to establish and maintain Yards and all buildings and work necessary or incidental thereto on Allotments Number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, of Section Number 61, within the said Borough, being Special Lease, Number 4003, for the sale of live stock, and to charge fees for live stock sold at such yards or other saleyards within or adjacent to the said Borough, and to make bylaws for the maintenance and regulation of such saleyards, and to appoint officers and servants, and to sue for the recovery of sums of money becoming due under the said Act and bylaws. Also for the purpose to borrow money not exceeding £700 at a rate of interest not exceeding 6 per centum per annum upon the security of the said land or of the rates and charges herein mentioned. Dated this 13th day of August, 1906.

JAMES JONES, Mayor of Armidale.

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Weight and Coal Guaranteed.

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SYDNEY COAL CO., Ltd., 20 Bridge-street. Tel., 4447.

ASSIGNED ESTATE OF JAMES BENSLEY, trading as BENSLEY and CO., STOREKEEPER, THE OAKS, N.S.W.

ALL CLAIMS against the above Estate must be rendered to me on or before THURSDAY NEXT, the 23rd inst, otherwise they will not be recognised.

ALBERT BORCHARD, F.S.I.A., Incorporated Accountant, Equitable-building, George-street.

Sydney, 17th August, 1906.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF EDWARD PODGER, COOK'S RIVER-ROAD, ST. PETERS.

A FIRST DIVIDEND at the rate of Four Shillings (4s) in the £ in the above Estate is now payable at my office.

Promissory Notes must be produced.

ALBERT BORCHARD, F.S.I.A., Incorporated Accountant, Equitable-building, George-street.

Sydney, 17th August, 1906.

SYDNEY HOMOEOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of CHEQUE, value £60, from the Hospital Saturday Fund for current year.

EDWARD DENHAM, Honorary Treasurer.

Sydney, August 16th, 1906.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL. Harry Smith (late lessee of Redfern Railway Refreshment Rooms) begs to notify that his Offices and Stores in connection with the Country Railway Refreshment Rooms are now situated at 474 PITT-STREET, Central Station buildings. Telephone, 2267.

GENTLEMEN, send us your RAZORS to be sharpened. Craig and Aitken, 654 George-st.

BARRISTERS.—We have in stock all sizes to fit you (Ravenscroft maker). Craig and Aitken, Geo.-st.

WATCHES CLEANED, 2s; best English Mainsprings, 2s. REPAIRS guaranteed one year. NOLAN, TIME, and CO., 702 George-street, Haymarket.

FOR HIRE, 1000 Chairs and all kinds of Furniture, for all occasions. Symonds, 285-7 Pitt-st.

TUTTON'S TOURIST AGENCY, 108 Pitt-st, opposite G.P.O. Travellers will save money by calling on us.

JAMES H. ADGER, the only Skin and Hair Clinic. Advice and Rem., 10s 6d, T., 3256. 45 C'reagh-st.

ENVELOPES, 1s 10d per 1000. Why pay More? Phillips, Rubber Stamp Maker, 91 Market-st.

HORSES AND VEHICLES.

COOK'S for the very best of everything in Vehicles, Horses, Ponies, Har. 218A Pitt-st, 139 C'reagh-st.

COOK'S for Carryalls, Sociables, Phaetons, Dogcarts, Exercise, ½ Shaft Sulkies. 218A Pitt-st, 139 C'rgh.-st.

COOK'S for S. and D. Buggies, some with rubber tyres, worth seeing. 218A Pitt-st, 139 C'reagh-st.

COOK'S for Hawkers' Waggons, Bakers', Butchers', and Grocers' Carts. 218A Pitt-st, 139 C'reagh-st.

CHRISTEY'S BAZAAR (late Kiss), 232 Pitt-street.—Bargains in Sulkies, Buggies, Dogcarts, Village and Spring Carts, and Harness and Saddlery of every description. Largest and Cheapest assortment in town to select from. Inspection invited. Tel., 668.

ELLIOTT'S CLEARANCE SALE VEHICLES, 150, no reasonable offer refused. Prize Tray Sulkies; light Waggonettes, carry 15; 6 Sociables, Carryall, Buggies, Phaetons, Dog, Box, Pagnel, Village Carts, 6 Lorries, Furniture Waggons, 'Buses, Wheels, Axles, Butchers' Carts, etc. Tel., 2447. ELLIOTT'S, 493 George-st.

BEAUTIFUL Chestnut Mare, suit doctor, 6 years old, very fast, any trial; also beautiful lady's Trap, almost new, seat 4, very light, rubber tyres, cost owner £75 in England, suit 13 hands pony, sell cheap. Apply Bendigo Villa, Abercrombie-street, near Banks-street, Chippendale.

HANDSOME CHESTNUT GELDING, 16 hds., 6 yrs., from country, thoroughly sound, suit buggy, sociable, or van, £16. 45 Sutherland-street, St. Peters.

CASH or Terms.—Horse and Vehicles of every description. Spring Vans, from £5; Grocer's Carts, £4; Dealer's Turnout, £7; Village Cart Turnout, £8; stylish Pony, £8, any trial. 96 Cleveland-st, Darlington.

STYLISH Sulky Turnout, £15; new Butcher's Cart, £12; new Butter Cart, £10. 81 Mitchell-st, Glebe.

CASH or Terms.—Springcart Turnout, £6; Dealer's Van Turnout, £10; Pagnel Cart Turnout, £9; Horse, £3; Pony, £2 10s; Butcher's Business, £20, selling off; Butcher's Shop. 88 Bridge-road, Glebe.

TIME-PAYMENT.—Dealer's Lot, £7; Pony, Sulky, and Harn., suit lady, £10; Village Cart, Pony, Harness, £7; Van Horse, £5; Dealer's Van, £4; Village Cart, £4; Farm Horse. 30 Engine-st, Haymarket.

BUGGY, near new, £9; new hooded Sulky, £12; Tray Sulky, new, cheap; Pony Sulky, new, £8; also Springcarts, Grocers', Butchers', Village, and Pagnel Carts, etc. 706 George-street, Haymarket.

NEW Lorry, cop., hooded Waggons, Sulkies, Spring, Village, and Pagnel Carts, Springdrays, Timber Dray, Horse, Cart, Harn., £10. Letters and country orders attended to. 181 Castlereagh-st, nr. Park-st.

REAL good SULKY for Sale. M'Laughlin, 254 Castlereagh-st, near Liverpool-st.

FOR SALE, Drags, Drays, Sociables, Vans, Horses, and Harn., all descriptions. 46 Miscend-n-rd, Nth.

DOGCART, high-class, rubber tyres, all complete, nearly new, cheap. Elesmere, Spring st, Waverley.

ACTIVE Draught Horse for Sale, suit dray, any trial. Mashman Bros., Willoughby.

FOR Sale, cheap, Bay MARE, 14 hands, used saddle and harness. 21 Elliott-st, Balmain.

FOR SALE, a Bentwood-shaft newly-done-up 2-spring SULKY, £8, a bargain. 296 Oxford-st, Woollahra.

CHEAP, handsome Bay Gelding, Phaeton, Harness, blk. Cob, fast, stylish, creamy Pony. 493 George-st.

FOR SALE, half-size Spring Delivery VAN, in good order. 22 Thornley-st, Leichhardt.

FOR Sale, Bay Gelding, quiet, saddle and harness, suit tradesmen, £12. Midhurst, Park-rd, Burwood.

FOR SALE, stylish PONY, 14h, and Hooded Sulky. 15 Ivy-st, Darlington.

HORSE, Village Cart, Harn., £9; Mare, suit farm, £5; Sulky. Shop, 193 Wilson-st, Newtown.

FOR SALE, Dealer's VAN and HARNESS, very cheap. Cain's Woodyard, Garden-st, Alexandria.

FOR SALE, a light Cart and Harness, suit any kind of business, cheap. 88 Mary-st, St. Peters.

VERY pretty s.-mtd. bentshaft, hded. Sulky, built to order, cheap. Boothman, Brown-st, Newtown.

PONY, new Sulky, and Harness, £10; Van Horse for Sale. Corner Style and Catherine sts, Leichhardt.

FOR SALE, Gent.'s all Hogskin SADDLE, etc, cost £10, price £5. Purdy, 93 Oxford-st.

FOR SALE, SULKY and Harness, £5. 15 Erskineville-rd, Erskineville.

W. DWYER, 144 King-st, Newtown, for Vehicles of every descrip., new and second-hand. Tel., 294 N.

SALE, several Trotting, Draught, and Pony STALLIONS; inspection invited. 232 Pitt-st.

FOR SALE, Dealer's Cart, Horse, and Harness, complete, cheap. Apply 134 Morehead-st, Redfern.

GOOD EXPRESS WAGGON for Sale, cheap; must sell. 10 Short-st, Forest Lodge.

PAGNEL CART, nearly new, suit butcher or grocer, £7. 10 Short-st, Forest Lodge.

FOR SALE, Grey Gelding, 13 hds., any trial, sad. or harness, suit lady. Apply No. 1 Goodlet-st, city.

FOR SALE, Village Cart, Dealer's Van, and Springdray, no offer refused. 128 Wyndham-st, Alexandria.

PONY, stallion, 12 hands, pedigree; Harness; trial, £20. 50 Grove-st, St. Peters.

FOR Sale, Spring Van, pat. axle, suit produce, equal to new, £15. Smelting Works, Botany-rd, Alex.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Sussex-street, Sydney, on FRIDAY, 31st AUGUST, 1906, at 2.30 p.m.

BUSINESS:

1. To receive the Directors' Report and Balance-sheet for the year ended 30th June, 1906.
2. To elect Six Directors, in lieu of Messrs. WILLIAM GRAHAM, S. W. BATE, GEORGE BRANSDON, JAMES McINE[illegible]Y, JAMES O'NEILL, and WILLIAM CAMBAGE, who retire in accordance with the Articles of Association, but who are eligible for re-election.
3. To transact any other business that may be brought before the Meeting in terms of the Memorandum of Association.

By order of the Board. S. J. OXLEY, General Manager.

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BUSINESS.

1. To receive Accounts and Balance-sheet and the Ordinary Reports of the Directors and Auditors, to 30th June, 1906.
2. To elect Directors. Messrs. H. J. Daly and Alex. Campbell retire in accordance with the Articles of Association; they are eligible for re-election, and offer themselves accordingly.
3. To elect Auditors. Messrs. A. G. S. Williams, F.S.A.A., Eng., and Percy Danby, A.I.A.V., retire in accordance with the Articles of Association; they are eligible for re-election, and offer themselves accordingly.
4. To consider any business of which due notice has been given in conformity with the rules and regulations.

By order of the Board, HENRY M. FIEDLER, Manager.

352 Collins-street, Melbourne, 25th July, 1906.

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CHAPTER XXIX.—Continued.

"That is the whole of the story," Gurdon said when he had concluded. "On the whole, I should say that Mark Fenwick is very well out of it. He has had a pretty fair innings, but Fate has been too strong for him in the long run. It is just as well, too, that he has escaped his punishment—I mean for your sakes, more than anything else. If that man had been put upon his trial, a charge of murder would have been added sooner or later, and you would have all been dragged from police court to criminal court to give evidence over and over again. In fact, you would have been the centre of an unpleasant amount of vulgar curiosity. As it is, the inquest will be more or less of a formal affair, and the public will never know that Fenwick has been anything more than a common swindler."

Venner was emphatically of the same view; personally, he was exceedingly glad to think that the knot had been cut in this fashion, and that the unpleasant business was ended. He discussed the matter thoughtfully with Gurdon, as he and the latter walked in the direction of his rooms, for he had refused to spend the night at Merton Grange, though Vera, of necessity, had arranged to stay there.

"I suppose one ought to be thankful," he said, "that matters are no worse. Still, at the same time, I must confess that I should like to have a few words with Zary. I wonder if we could get him to take us back to Mexico with a view to exploring the Four Finger Mine. After all said and done, it seems a pity that that rich treasure house should be lost to the world."

"Better leave it alone," Gurdon said. "It makes me creep when I think of it. All the same, I am with you in one thing. I should certainly like to see Zary again."

Gurdon and his companion were destined to have their wish gratified sooner than they expected. They let themselves into the farmhouse where they were staying, and Venner turned up the lamp in the big rambling sitting-room. There, half asleep in a chair, before the fire, sat the very man whom they had been discussing. He appeared to be heavy with sleep—his melancholy eyes opened slowly as he turned to the newcomers.

"You have been thinking about me," he said—"you have been wondering what had become of me. We are strangers, and yet we are not strangers. Mr. Venner is known to me, and Mr. Venner's wife also. I was aware that my dear young mistress was his wife when it was still a secret to everybody else. You are puzzled and mystified over the death of Mark Fenwick. Mr. Gurdon has been reading an account to you from a newspaper."

"You are certainly a very remarkable man," Gurdon said. "As a matter of fact, that is exactly what I have been doing. But tell me, Zary, how did you know?"

"You have a great poet," Zary said, calmly and deliberately. "He was one of the noblest philosophers of his time. I have read him, I hope to read him again many times. His name is Shakespeare, and he says, 'there are more things in Heaven and earth than are dreamt of in our philosophy.' Gentlemen, that is so, as you would know if you possessed the powers that I do. But I could not explain—you would not understand, for your minds are different from mine. I am going away; I shall never see my dear friends again—for the last time we have met. And because I could not endure a formal parting I have come to you to give them all a message from me. It is only this, that I shall never cease to think of them wherever I may be, but I need not dwell upon that. As to Fenwick, I did not design that he should die so peaceful a death. I had gauged his mind incorrectly; I had goaded him into a pitch of terror which drove him over the borderland and destroyed his reason. Therefore, he committed suicide, so he is finished with."

There was a pause for some time, until it became evident that Zary had no more to say. He rose to his feet, and was advancing in the direction of the door, when Gurdon stopped him.

"Pardon me," the latter said, "but, like most ordinary men, I am by no means devoid of my fair share of curiosity. What is going to be done in the matter of the Four Finger Mine?"

Zary's large round eyes seemed to emit flashes of light. His face had grown hard and white like that of a statue.

"Well," he demanded, "what about the mine?"

"Why, you see, it practically belongs to Mr. Le Fenu's children," Gurdon said. "In which case it should prove an exceedingly valuable property."

"The mine belongs to us; it belongs to me," Zary cried. "I am the last of my tribe, and the secret shall die with me. Man, do you suppose that happiness lies in the mere accumulation of money? I tell you that the thing is a curse, one of the greatest curses that ever God laid on humanity. To hundreds and thousands of us this life of ours on earth is a veritable hell through the greed for gold. Of all the wars that have brought pain and suffering to humanity, none has done a tithe of the harm wrought by the incessant battle for the yellow metal which you call gold. If there had been no such thing on earth, the tribe to which I belong would to-day walk as gods amongst ordinary men. No, I shall do nothing to pander to this disease. When I die the secret of the mine perishes with me. Never more will man work there, so long as I have the health and strength to prevent it."

The latter part of Zary's speech had sunk almost to a whisper; he made a profound bow to Venner and Gurdon, then left the room softly. He seemed to vanish almost like the spirit of one of his departed ancestors, and his place knew him no more. From that day he was never seen again.

"Curious man," Gurdon said, thoughtfully. "Very quiet and gentle as a rule, but not the kind of person you would care to have as a foe. I have a very strong feeling that none of us will ever see Felix Zary again. Now, don't you think we can begin to forget all about this kind of thing? Surely we have had enough horrors and mysteries, and I can only wonder at the way in which those girls have borne up against all their troubles. Tell me, what are you going to do? I mean as to your future?"

"Upon my word, I really haven't given it a thought," Venner said. "It is not very often that a man has the unique experience of being married three years without a honeymoon, and without more than half an hour in his wife's company. You can but feebly guess, my dear fellow, how terribly I have suffered during the time to which I refer. Still, I trusted my wife implicitly, though all the dictates of common sense were against me, and I am sincerely and heartily glad now that I took the line I did. As soon as possible, I intend to take Vera away for a long tour on the Continent. When I come back I shall have the old house done up again, and, I suppose, settle down to the life of a country gentleman. But, of course, I can't do anything till Beth's future is settled. I suppose, for the present, she will go back again to Le Fenu's doctor friends, pending her marriage with Charles Evors."

"The programme is all right," Gurdon said. "But suppose Lord Merton objects to the arrangement?"

"I don't fancy that he will do that, from what I hear," Venner said. "All the Evors have been wild in their youth, and the present lord is no exception to the rule. Depend upon it, he will be very glad to have his son back again, happily married, and eager to become domesticated. Besides, from what I understand from Vera, her father worked the Four Finger Mine to considerable advantage during his lifetime, and Beth is something quite considerable in the way of an heiress. On the whole, I am not disposed to worry. Now let us have one quiet cigar, and then go to bed like a pair of average respectable citizens."

CHAPTER XXX.

A PEACEFUL SUNSET.

"Upon my word," Evors was saying to Beth, I feel as nervous as an Eton boy sent up to the head for a flogging. It is just the same sensation as I used to enjoy in my schooldays; but I don't care what he says, I am going to marry you whether he likes it or not, though, of course, he is bound to like it. No one could look at that dear sweet little face of yours without falling in love with you on the spot."

Beth demurely hoped so; she pretended an easy unconcern, though, on the whole, she was perhaps more anxious than Evors, for the latter had written to his father at some length explaining how matters stood, and Lord Merton had telegraphed to say that he would be at home the following afternoon. The following afternoon had arrived in due course, and now the wheels of his carriage might be heard at any moment. Vera and her husband were not far off; they had promised to come in and give their moral support if it became necessary.

"I don't see how he can possibly help liking you," Evors went on. "Thank goodness we shall be spared the trouble of making a long explanation. If my father had been against the arrangement he probably would have done something else besides telegraphing that he was coming; but I don't care; it doesn't matter what he says. I have quite made up my mind what to do."

"But you couldn't go against your father," Beth said timidly.

"Oh, couldn't I? My dear girl, I have been doing nothing else all my lifetime. I have been a most undutiful son, and I have no doubt that I have come near to breaking my father's heart many a time, as he nearly broke the heart of his father before him. In common fairness, he will have to admit that we Evors are all alike as young men; and, in any case, I couldn't give you up, Beth. Just think how faithful you have been to me all these years, when all the time it has seemed as if I had a terrible crime on my conscience. Your father's death——"

Beth laid her little hand upon the speaker's mouth.

"Oh, hush, hush," she whispered. "I implore you never to speak of that again. They told me, or at least that dreadful man told me, that you had committed that awful deed. He gave me the most overwhelming proofs, and when I demanded a chance to speak to you and hear from your own lips that it was all a cruel lie, you were nowhere to be found. This, Fenwick told me, was proof positive of your guilt. It was such a shock to me that, for the time being, I lost my reason—at least, I did not exactly lose my reason, but my brain just seemed to go to sleep in some strange way. And yet from first to last I never believed a word that Mark Fenwick said. There was always present the knowledge that your name would be cleared at last, and the most gratifying part of it all is the knowledge that there can be no scandal, no slanderous tongues to say that there is no smoke without fire, and those wicked things that sound so small and yet imply so much."

"Don't let us think of it. Let our minds dwell only on the happy future that is before us. We shall be able to marry at once; then we can go and live in the old Manor House by the park gates. The place is already furnished, and needs very little doing up. Sooner or later, you will be mistress of this grand old home, though I hope that time may not come for many years. It seems to me——"

But Beth was not attending. She seemed to be listening with more or less fear to the sound of wheels crunching on the gravel outside. Evors had hardly time to reassure her when the door opened and Lord Merton came in. He was a tall man of commanding presence, a little cold and haughty-looking, though his lips indicated a genial nature, and he could not altogether suppress the grave amusement in his eyes.

"This is an unconventional meeting," he said. "I received your letter, Charles, and I am bound to say the contents would have astonished me exceedingly had they been written by anybody but an Evors. But our race has always been a law unto itself, with more or less disastrous consequences. We have been a wild and reckless lot, but this is the first time, so far as I know, that one of the tribe has been accused of murder."

"It is a wicked lie," Beth burst out, passionately. She had forgotten all her fears in her indignation. "My father was killed by the man Fenwick and his colleagues. That has all been proved beyond a doubt!"

(To be concluded.)

OUR NEW STORY.

To-morrow we shall begin the publication of "Margery Manesty," by Oswald Wildridge—a new story by a new author. As far as we know, this is the first publication of this author's work, so that readers have an opportunity of criticising the maiden effort of a new aspirant to literary fame, and of gauging the powers of this aspirant—this "him" or "her." The author tells us about affairs in a North of England port; about how a shipowner whose veneration for "straight" dealing had passed into a proverb left his only son at the mercy in a way of another shipowner whose reputation was of the foulest. This latter, the villain of the story—so much may be said by way of preface—applies all his arts to the corruption of his enemy's son. To him is opposed the sterling character of the boy himself, strengthened by memory of his father's worth; and to this is added the influence of the charming girl who gives her name to the story. The interest is well maintained throughout, and the story will commend itself to all who love "a good yarn."

MILITARY.

PROPOSED FEDERAL ENCAMPMENT.

AN EXTENSIVE SCHEME.

Suggestions have been made to the Minister of Defence by the District Commandant, Brigadier-General Gordon, C.B., and Colonel G. W. Waddell, V.D., brigadier of the First Infantry Brigade, that a Federal encampment should be held on the plains near Albury next Easter. The proposal was brought under the notice of the Minister last year, but was rejected owing to the expense involved. The scheme, if carried out, will mean that 10,000 Australian troops will be brought together in the Commonwealth for the first time under complete service conditions.

It is proposed to conduct military operations based on the assumption that an invading army had captured Melbourne, seized the Melbourne to Sydney railway line, and advanced a force of about 4000 troops of all arms to occupy the towns on the Murray border. The scheme proposes that the Victorian militia and volunteer forces should personate the foreign army, and that the New South Wales troops should personate an Australian army, which should come from Sydney to the rescue of Victoria. The two "armies" would meet somewhere in or near the Black Range country, where a "battle of Albury" would take place. The New South Wales force would have a stiffening of Queensland troops, and the Victorians would have the assistance of contingents from South Australia and Tasmania. The Victorian army would operate as from the border of the two States; seize the roads and bridges across the Hume, and advance towards Wagga until checked by the relieving army from New South Wales. The fighting and marching would extend over four days.

The main objection to the scheme is the cost of transporting the troops from their various headquarters. It is estimated that the railway fares involved in moving the New South Wales and Victorian units would amount to £9000. Of that sum £6000 would be spent in taking the troops of this State to the site suggested. The Minister for Defence is inclined to favour the proposal, and probably some negotiations will take place with the Railway Commissioners of the various States on the question of a reduction in fares for the men. The Minister says:—"If they would make specially low fares for the troops in an affair of this magnitude, and then recoup themselves from the enormous crowds of people who would flock to see the manoeuvres, we might more hopefully consider the scheme."

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.

During September and October a number of schools of instruction will be held. The Australian Army Medical Corps school will commence at Newcastle on September 3, and will last for eight days. Lieutenant-Colonel W. L. Eames, C.B., will be the chief instructor, and he will be assisted by W.O. Bond. The musketry (long course) school will open at Randwick Rifle Range on the 3rd prox, and will be continued until October 6. Instruction will be given by Lieutenant-Colonel G. G. H. Irving, Captain J. C. O'Brien, W.O. Wells, and S.C.S. Wells. An infantry school will be conducted by Major Wallace Brown at Victoria Barracks from September 4 to 14. Other schools include Field Engineering and Garrison Artillery. The former will be held at the Engineers' depot, and the latter at Middle Head. Six days has been allotted for field engineering, and eleven for garrison artillery. Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. Lee will act as chief instructor at the depot, and Major J. C. Hawker at Middle Head. In continuation of the instructional staff course, a military topography school under Major J. G. Legge, D.A.A.G., will be held at Victoria Barracks from September 25 to 28 and October 2 to 5.

UNIVERSITY SCOUTS' SERVICE TREK.

On Saturday and Sunday next the University Scouts will conduct a service trek in the direction of Broken Bay. The manoeuvres will not be confined to the Scouts alone, as members of any other branch of the service are invited to take part in the work. Those participating will muster at Manly at 2.30 on Saturday afternoon. The men will be expected to bring their great coats and rations for three meals, blankets and waterproof sheets being provided. It is intended to follow out the plans of the last trek by sleeping in the open, and carrying out everything as on active service. On Sunday divine service will be held, the chaplain of the column being the Rev. Stanley Howard. It is expected that the men will return to Manly about 5 o'clock on Sunday evening.

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ARSENAL.

The Federal Government is again considering the question of the establishment of a Commonwealth arsenal for the manufacture of small arms, cannon, and other military material. It is stated that pressure is being brought to bear on Federal members to ensure Lithgow being the place selected for the erection of the works. The scheme, it is said, has very influential support.

THE PRINCE OF WALES' TROPHY.

WINDSOR, Thursday.

The Hawkesbury Squadron of 1st Australian Light Horse (Lancers) has been selected to find the team to represent its regiment to compete for the trophy presented by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the Light Horse Regiments of the Commonwealth. The team (which consists of one officer, one n.c.o., and 12 men) is now being prepared in the riding and shooting requirements, and it is understood the trial will take place next week.

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LANDS' ADMINISTRATION.

THE CONSPIRACY CHARGES.

POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS.

At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., the hearing was resumed of the case in which W. P. Crick, W. N. Willis, and Charles Bath are charged with conspiracy in connection with the administration of the Crown Lands Act during the time W. P. Crick was Minister for Lands.

Mr. Garland and Mr. Pollock, instructed by Mr. Houston, of the Crown Law Office, appeared for the prosecution; Mr. Lamb, instructed by Mr. F. Y. Wilson, for Willis; and Mr. Levien for Bath. Mr. Crick appeared on his own behalf.

Mr. Crick asked if Mr. Garland would supply the defence with the overt acts. He contended that every witness that had been called so far had been a witness for the defence. He would renew his application every day until the overt acts were supplied.

Mr. Garland said that this was merely a continuation of Mr. Crick's game of bluff. The Crown were not bound to supply the overt acts. He would supply the defence each day with the names of the witnesses it was intended to call the following day. More than that he would not do. The Crown had treated the defence with every consideration, and the overt acts would not be supplied at this stage.

Mr. Crick: Because you can't.

His Worship: What is the use of discussing the matter? The Crown cannot be compelled by law to supply the overt acts in a case of alleged conspiracy.

Mr. Crick: Very well, your Worship, but I'll renew the application every day. They are converting the whole thing into an absolute farce.

William Willcox, a director in the firm of Edols and Co., owners of Burrawang, said that prior to their pastoral leases falling in there were 97,000 acres of freehold and 80,000 acres leasehold on Burrawang. On December 4, 1902, he drew up the application for improvement leases produced. Mr. Willis made some suggestions concerning it. The application was handed to Mr. Willis to forward to the department in the usual way in the case of a land agent. He had not met Mr. Willis before he engaged him as an agent in this matter, towards the end of 1902. When he engaged Mr. Willis he said he wanted to have the lands submitted to auction, so that his firm could have the right to compete for them. Mr. Willis told him to set out his case in writing, and the application was the result.

Was there any conversation about fees in this matter?—Oh, yes.

What was the conversation?—Fees were fixed.

What was the conversation?—I can't remember conversations that happened four years ago. I haven't a memory like Fisher, for instance. There's a very serious charge levelled against the defendants, and I'm not going to swear to generalities. I'll only swear to facts.

Well, give us facts.—On December 11, 1902, I paid Mr. Willis £500; on March 11, 1903, £2000; March 24, 1903, £600; June 10, 1903, £2900; a total of £6000.

Mr. Crick: Mr. Willis was doing a lot of other work for you?—Yes.

Mr. Pollock: What work?—Extension of scrub leases, submitting land to auction, and that sort of thing.

Mr. Lamb: The amounts you have given covered the whole of the work?—Yes.

Mr. Pollock: Can you fix any one of these amounts for any one thing?—No. I paid him generally for the work he did. He did not get any more than was due to him.

His Worship: Had he completed all his work when you paid him the last amount you mentioned?—Certainly.

A number of departmental papers in connection with the leases were tendered, Mr. Crick insisting that all should be read at length. Among the papers was a report by Mr. Halliday, District Surveyor.

Witness: Mr. Halliday is wasting his time. He is now getting £700 a year; if he can carry out what he suggests in his report he can come up, and I will give him £3000 a year to manage the property.

Mr. Lamb suggested that witness's refutation of statements in the report should be included in the depositions.

Mr. Pollock said he never heard of such a ridiculous proposition in a Court before.

His Worship held that anything witness had to say in reference to the report might be brought out in cross-examination.

Mr. Crick, commenting on the methods of the prosecution, said: "I think this trial should be taken to the Tivoli."

The Court at 1 p.m. adjourned till the following morning.

UNRECORDED DEPARTURES.

Mr. Drake, the Victorian Government Statist, appended to his report of the estimated population of his State at the end of the June quarter a note to the effect that an investigation of the method of recording arrivals and departures had recently been made by him, and it had been found that the allowance made for unrecorded departures in the past was unnecessary. He had therefore made his estimate for the June quarter exclusive of such allowance. The importance of the change introduced by Mr. Drake is the more apparent when it is remembered that the population statistics of the State offices form the basis upon which the quota is fixed for purposes of the election of members of the House of Representatives. It might easily occur that the determination to ignore altogether the unrecorded departures might be the means of giving Victoria an extra member in the House of Representatives at a time when the State is not actually entitled to the increase. Mr. Hall, Acting Government Statistician, was asked yesterday to express an opinion upon Mr. Drake's innovation. He said the matter was discussed at the interstate conference in Melbourne in September, 1903. The conference decided that the census of 1901 be taken as the starting point, and that future estimates of population be published on that basis; that the Registrars' reports of births and deaths, and the Customs and Railway Departments' certificates of arrivals and departures be accepted for the compilation; that 10 per cent. be added to the railway reports of arrivals and departures by land of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, and South Australia, to allow for the unrecorded traffic by rail and road; that the following percentages on recorded departures by sea be added thereto to account for the unrecorded departures:—New South Wales, 9 per cent.; Victoria, 9 per cent.; Queensland, 10 per cent.; South Australia, 7 per cent.; Western Australia, 5 per cent.; Tasmania, 12.5 per cent. The conference determined that it was absolutely necessary to make an allowance of this character to provide for errors that were disclosed by the census returns. The errors cannot be excluded, and it is only in the census years that they can be detected. The unrecorded departures consist in a large part of people who go on board steamers at the last moment, and experience shows that the number who leave the State in this way is very considerable. This is illustrated by taking Victoria in 1902, when the population of that State was 1,211,000. In the year named the recorded departures numbered 97,933, and the allowance made for unrecorded departures was 8814. It is not the intention of the authorities here to adopt Mr. Drake's system, nor is it thought that any of the other States will follow his lead.

ITCHING AND PROTRUDING PILES PERMANENTLY CURED.

Mr. Edgar Wood, engineer, Randwick, Tramline, whose private address is 13 Bourke-street, Redfern, says:—"For seventeen years I suffered with itching and protruding piles. During that time I was treated by several well-known Sydney doctors. I also tried chemists' prescriptions, and used every remedy advertised to cure this complaint, but nothing gave me the slightest relief. The irritation was so great that it caused me annoyance and inconvenience during the day, and kept me awake for hours at night. I almost despaired of ever getting anything to relieve me, as I had experienced so many failures. However, I saw an article in the paper stating that Doan's Ointment had cured a well-known Sydney man, who had suffered with this complaint for 20 years. I at once got this ointment, and am very pleased to tell you that the first application gave me relief. I continued using it until I was perfectly cured. My cure means a lot to me, and is wonderful after suffering for 17 years. Since my cure I have recommended Doan's Ointment to other sufferers, and will always do so. I wish you to publish this statement, so that people suffering with piles may know the value of Doan's Ointment.

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AN ISSUE OF INTERSTATE INTEREST.

MANY QUEENSLAND PICTURES.

PUBLISHED TO-DAY.

The issue of the "Sydney Mail" this week is full of interest to country people in particular, to city people in many respects, while it has especial value to the people of Queensland. The principal event commanding the attention of agriculturists and stock-owners within the past week was the Brisbane Show, and this is well illustrated. The Show was opened by the Governor-General, and there was evidence of marked progress. We have made a point of showing the champions, and altogether, with general illustrations and those of some business exhibits, six pages are devoted to this one subject.

PICTURESQUE QUEENSLAND.

It was apropos in view of the Show to direct attention to the claims of Queensland as a picturesque State. This has been done by reserving the centre pages of the issue for views of Queensland scenery, and several pictures taken in the principal cities or towns. Thus we show the Central Railway Station, Brisbane—which may be compared with our own new structure; Victoria Bridge, Brisbane; Albert Bridge, Indooroopilly; Alexandra Bridge, Rockhampton; a picture of that unique growth, the Bottle Tree; a view of Glasshouse Mountain; and views in Toowoomba and Warwick.

OTHER FEATURES.

FORBES SHOW.—This is illustrated, and expert articles by "Lana" on the exhibits appear.

Children's Ball, Brisbane.—This being the season of social gaiety we show some of the "characters" at the above function. On one page no fewer than 80 children are portrayed.

INTERSTATE LACROSSE.—Group portraits of the New South Wales and Victorian teams.

QUIRINDI POLO CARNIVAL.—Two pages with splendid pictures illustrate this popular fixture.

"An Australian in London."—This is the title of an entertaining article, which is accompanied by a recent portrait of Mr. Samuel Cook.

Prominent Footballers.—Portraits of F. Notting (Manly), R. Dudley (South Sydney), S. Wickham (Western Suburbs), and N. E. Row (Eastern Suburbs).

OUR BUDGET OF FICTION.

As usual, the issue has many original contributions. On the Australian Story Page appear "Miss Poppy," a Blue Mountain story; and "The Horse Thief," by E. A. Alcock. On another page a story of American newspaper life is contributed by M. Krout. "Girl o' Mine" is a bright piece of verse by C. H. The Young Folks' Page has a charming story by Ethel Paige and verses by May Kendall.

FOR COUNTRY PEOPLE.

"Lana" contributes an article on Forbes Show, and "Moira" discusses Brisbane Show, giving special attention to the cattle exhibits. There are other expert articles of value to country people.

SPECIAL COLUMNS.

We again direct notice to our Special Column on Shooting, which contains news that no rifleman should miss. Our weekly article on Stock Exchange movements also has a unique value. Our other Special Columns have long been features of each issue.

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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

THE GOVERNMENT WIRE NETTING.

SOME POINTS OF INTEREST.

Those who, in various parts of the State, are looking to the Government contract with British manufacturers to supply them with wire-netting are now awaiting keenly the announcement of the conditions of supply. One source of congratulation is that the netting is now expected to reach New South Wales sooner than was anticipated. Upwards of 600 miles are to be shipped before the end of the year. The first of this leaves England in August, and should be here in October. It was hoped last year that the Government would effect a contract in time to give the farmers some protection for this year's wheat crops, but that proved altogether too optimistic. There is indication, however, that the 4000 miles now ordered will all be erected in New South Wales in time to keep the rabbits out of the growing crop of 1907. From January it is believed that about 500 miles of netting will be shipped monthly, so that the last roll should be in the State soon after July. No time will be lost in getting the wire into the country. Red tape is to be relaxed, and the netting will go direct from the ship to the train, and thence by reduced rates to the country. A greedy demand is, of course, a certainty, and landholders will be pleased to know that Parliament is disposed to endorse further big contracts to follow hotly on this one.

When so many people want netting on Government terms the allotment of what, in view of the great necessity, is a very small consignment, is not an easy matter. The whole question of distribution is now engaging the attention of a specially appointed board, comprising Mr. O'Malley Wood (chairman), Mr. A. Berckelman, secretary to the Public Service Tender Board, and Mr. Victor Cohen, accountant to the Lands Department, who will report to the Minister for Lands at an early date. To give landholders the maximum benefit of the netting, and at the same time safeguard the Government, is not a simple problem. The present system of distribution works fairly well, although it is open to improvement. The greatest difficulty will be, as already stated, in discriminating between applicants. This task is in the hands of the pastures protection boards, and they are not likely to be relieved of it. In each district the board receives applications for the netting, and decides on the quantity required. It then orders and becomes responsible to the Government for the amount involved. The board has to collect the money, and if it fails to do so and to pay the Government, its rates become liable. The aim of the Act is to assist the man who, while unable to buy his own netting for cash, shows that under reasonable circumstances he will be able to keep up his instalment and interest payments. The boards have to guard against the class which is so hopeless that it is unlikely to pay at all, and the class which is quite able to buy its own netting. There are hundreds of landholders not exactly short of funds who would appreciate a Government loan of 5 per cent., and who can turn it to profit. These must, if possible, be weeded out. And to safeguard the State against those who, owing to bad seasons, or less excusable causes, do not pay—for the conscience is always rather easy over debts to the State—the Act might be amended, making the Crown the first creditor until the netting account is settled. The board will also have a multiplicity of questions about grants to various classes of holders of Crown lands. A decided effort will probably be made to introduce the grouping system. Where there are a number of applicants together the advancement of netting for a ring fence embracing all the holdings would be a capital innovation. It will not be so easy as it appears, because of the trouble of getting a group of men of one mind on the question of rabbit destruction. Half a dozen holders enclosed by a common fence would have to contribute to the cost on an acreage basis, and be bound to adopt similar methods of warfare against the pest. Still the scheme would mean a big saving in netting, and as netting means the difference between a living and failure, it will probably appeal to the great majority to whose places it could be applied. It may be taken for granted that those districts which do adopt it will have a wider area under Government netting than those which don't, and that the cost per acre will be much lower.

There are some interesting features about the cost of the netting and the conditions of repayment. Under the New South Wales Act holders get the wire at cost and 5 per cent. interest. This amount of interest is understood to recompense the Government for the interest on the money it has to borrow to buy the netting, and also for the work of administration. In South Australia the rate of interest is 4 per cent., but the landholder has to pay on the amount of the purchase 2½ per cent. to the Stores Department for arranging the contracts and the work of distribution, and 3 per cent. to the Lands Department for the work of administration. Thus a man who buys a hundred pounds worth really pays £105 10s for it, in addition to the 4 per cent. But the difference between the two charges seems in favour of the South Australian, because the extra 1 per cent. paid by the settler here would before payment ceased probably reach beyond £5 10s. A peculiar feature about the South Australian system is that the boards there first borrow the sums they require for the netting from the Government, and with that purchase the netting, also from the Government, so that the obligation is in the nature of a loan rather than payment for goods. Experience shows that men pay for their netting, and that defaulters are scarce. In South Australia, where the grants have been on a large scale for many years, the money not to hand is very small, and the system has been recognised as an excellent one.

There are those who believe that 20 years is too long a term to allow for repayments, and a shorter period may be recommended. If a ten years' term could be worked—for most men it would be ample—it would expedite the netting of the country, and prove more satisfactory generally. There is still doubt as to whether the Government will sell any of the netting for cash. But that is not likely. The primary idea is to assist men to whom terms are a necessity, and there will be found enough of them to take all the netting that reaches New South Wales for very many months. Those who want netting for cash at the cheap Government rates might adopt some method of co-operation, and place contracts of sufficient size to ensure a substantial reduction. Such a course should not present great difficulties. The announcement of the Government contract has had little or no effect on Sydney sales. Prices have been unchanged for four or five months, with a steady demand from most rabbit-infested districts. At the present moment the market is almost emptied of the class of netting for which there is the general demand.

ITEMS.

Canadian dairymen are excited just now about the milking machine. The agricultural papers contain lively controversies, and it is apparent that the device is to get a thorough trial. A satisfactory feature is that it is an Australian machine which appears to be winning the chief support.

Mention of the milking machine and its trial in Canada recalls how much the American farmer is indebted to Australia for machinery of a revolutionary nature. Those who are constantly forcing American practice on our farmers appear ignorant that America's cheap land production is due largely to Australian brains. It was an Australian who invented the knotter and made possible the reaper and binder; another Australian evolved the combined harvester; another the sheep-shearing machine; and another the stump-jump plough. And still the Australian agriculturist is constantly told that he is asleep on his chances, and that it is to America that he must look for enlightenment.

The bill from the Labour party to reduce the size of cornsacks shows the failure of some sections of the House to grasp the needs of the producer. Smaller bags would mean dearer bags, greater expense in handling, and difficulty in stacking. They would also mean an endorsement of the bag system at a time when it has been abandoned in most progressive wheat countries. The grain section of the Chamber of Commerce had a similar proposal forward a few months ago, but dropped it as impracticable. It might have been expected that when Parliament next dealt with bags it would be to move their abolition; but the Government appears paralysed where the farmer is concerned, and it is too much to look to the Labour party for a scheme which does away with so much handling. And it is also to be remembered that Mr. Daley, who proposes the smaller bags, represents a constituency where the wharf labourer is a big voting force.

THE MUSWELLBROOK DISTRICT.

RAIN BADLY NEEDED.

DAIRYING AT A STANDSTILL.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MUSWELLBROOK, Wednesday.

While other parts of the State have been smiling under the influence of beneficial falls of rain, Muswellbrook and a great area surrounding this important town has received nothing but frowns. The whole district is extremely dry. Rain has persistently held off for the last two years, and in the majority of places water has given out. Most of the big graziers around have long since sent away cattle and sheep for agistment on suitable areas.

The dairying industry, in which farmers around are interested, is practically at a standstill, and Mr. T. Blunt states that at his Overton factory he is only turning out some four tons butter weekly. He himself is milking some 230 cows just now, as against 850 in normal seasons. For some months he has had over 1500 head of cattle, including about 500 cows, on grass near Deepwater. Half of these he has now placed on the market. At his extensive irrigated farm at Muswellbrook he has some 230 acres under lucerne. Last summer, being particularly dry, it took the whole of the cultivation to keep 800 cows and some 60 horses going, and at present he is on his last two stacks of ensilage.

As work is slack, Mr. Blunt is devoting his attention to dairy improvements, and states that as soon as the weather breaks he intends to instal the latest milking machines in his yards. He has seven yards with eight bails in each, and will, therefore, require 56 machines.

WESTWARD FROM INVERELL.

PHASES OF THE SEASON.

PARCHED SOIL AND LUXURIANT GRASS.

SHEARING OPERATIONS.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

INVERELL, Monday.

The Inverell district is still forging ahead, and more than ever it bears unmistakable appearances of a prosperous future. Settlers are steadily arriving, and are not long before they find country to their entire satisfaction on one or other of the big estates which have been subdivided. A few years ago Inverell was comparatively unknown; now the district is bigger than that of Armidale, and it is still going forward rapidly. There is a twofold reason for this. Besides agriculture, the tin-mining industry to the south-west has assumed big proportions, owing to the excellent prices now being realised for this mineral. But it is the farming and grazing upon which the district principally depends for support. There is no doubt the district is a favoured one, for just at present, while other men on the land have empty sheds, farmers around Inverell have plenty of fodder and stacks of hay on hand. Recently there was an excellent fall of an inch and a half of rain, distributed over three days, and this did an immense amount of good.

The rainfall this year, however, is still below the average, and the old hands, who know the regularity of the seasons, assert that the present period is unusually dry. Still the district does not know what a drought is, and the new settlers, who have put in their wheat, are quite satisfied with the prospects, and several, on being spoken to, agreed that if they never had worse conditions to contend against they would be more than satisfied. The wheat is now showing well above ground, and a few showers should bring it along splendidly. Byron, Greenwood, Mount Russell, and Reedy Creek districts are going ahead fast, and should before very long become important farming centres. The district is generously supplied with grass, mostly dry, and sheep and cattle are keeping in good condition.

As one journeys from Inverell to Warialda the country presents a much drier aspect, and the grass gradually gets shorter until in parts it goes off altogether. Around Biniguy, Pallamallawa, Weetah, and Mungie Bundie stations there is very little feed, and the immediate outlook is far from promising. Only showers have been recorded for some time, consequently the country is very patchy. In fact, the present year has proved unique in many respects. For instance, to the north of Moree, right into Queensland, where they have expected a wonderfully good season, ample grass is to be found, and in places it is a foot high. Across the Barwon River there is excellent feed, stretching away for miles to the border and across it into the northern State. Flocks are moving towards this rich pasture from the less favoured stretches of country, particularly from the south of Moree and along the Burren Junction line.

In the vicinity the land looks most inhospitable, and it is as hard to find a blade of dry grass as it is to find a pebble along the Barwon. As a consequence sheep have hurriedly departed for green pastures elsewhere, and the runs are practically deserted. One large station, Boolcarrol, is essaying the big task of feeding on the run. For this purpose the manager recently secured 1000 bags of maize, and with this hopes to keep going some 22,000 ewes. A bag is hoisted into a cart, a hole slit in it, and the maize is allowed to slowly stream out as the cart makes its way through the paddocks. This method has its disadvantages, as the weaker sheep do not get sufficient, and the stronger get more than enough, usually with dire results. Out back, towards the Barwon, sheep are to be met with every day wending their way northward, and some fine fats have been brought from Queensland way to Moree for the purpose of being trucked to Flemington.

Shearing is in full swing throughout the greater portion of the north-west district. Edgerol, Killarney, Mungie Bundie, and Gurley have made a start, and operations are progressing without a hitch. The stations mentioned have splendid sheds, and the conveniences are right up to date.

THE COMING OF THE TROTTER.

The horse show just over has attracted a good deal of attention, and caused much discussion in various quarters. From a financial point of view it may not have been the success it deserved to be; certain it is the attendance was nothing like it should have been.

But there were two most noticeable features about it. The first was the remarkable number of utility horses—some of them very fine specimens of their class—included in the procession. The second was the interest, one might truthfully say enthusiasm, in connection with the trotting contests. It must have been evident to all onlookers that trotting is rapidly coming into favour. There are many reasons for this. One is that the sport, as a sport, is in good hands, the hands of men who are sportsmen in the true sense of the term, and can afford to remain so, men who can afford to race for the love of the sport and the excitement that it brings. Another thing, and that which must ultimately be more far-reaching in its effect, is that the day of the saddle horse is passing away in favour of that of the harness horse. Where a few years ago it was usual to find men of all classes on horseback, now in those same districts we see them in vehicles. The sulky is displacing the saddle. Again, it is becoming generally recognised, even in the bush, that time is money; the fashion of to-day is to travel fast. It has always been recognised that for fast travel nothing equals a trotter. But till quite recently it has generally been believed by horsemen that the American trotter could not stay a journey out, that he was all very well for a short splash, but distance would find him out. It was a common thing to hear it said that trotters are all right, but not the trotting breed, by which it was meant that a thoroughbred, or any sort, that happened to be a fast trotter was a good horse so long as he was not of trotting blood.

This old prejudice is fast dying out. Examples of the wonderful distances that can be covered in a day by a good specimen of the American trotter are becoming daily more numerous and well-attested. At the same time the representatives of the breed in this State are rapidly becoming of better class. Either a better class is being imported or we are learning how to breed the right sort. Most horsebreeders of this State, judging from the specimens which came under their eyes, were strongly of the opinion that trotting blood was synonymous with bad timber, and that all "Yanks" were flat-sided, lanky-limbed, weak-necked brutes that possessed neither beauty nor constitution. Those who have seen the specimens at the show can think so no longer. There one could see trotters with the conformation and evident constitution of the stoutest strains of the English thoroughbred. A few more such and the trotter will become the horse of the day.

LAND SELECTED.

The following statement shows the land selected under the Crown Lands Acts from January 1 to August 15, 1906:—

	Acres.
Homestead selections	34,331
Settlement leases	325,008
Conditional purchases	310,252
Conditional leases	502,705
Conditional purchase leases	52,468
Total	1,224,764

The period includes 32 lands office days, and the applications for original holdings during the past week represent 36 new settlers. In addition to the area made available prior to January 1, 1906, an area of 707,295 acres has been specially set apart during the above period.

THE HORSE SHOW.

SOME COMPLAINTS.

Mr. A. M'Evoy writes:—Will you allow me through the columns of your valuable journal to enter a strong and emphatic protest against the methods adopted at the judging of the trotting contest yesterday? The contest was a four-lap one, and my horse covered this distance in the fastest time, and, other things being equal, I naturally thought he had won. Judge, then, my surprise when I found the horses being sent round again singly for one lap. It is well known to those who know anything about sporting that one horse may be good for a quarter of a mile and another for a longer distance. The judges, of course, know this as well as I do.

I do not wish to cast any aspersions, but I will say that had I known the second trial was to be only once round I would not have allowed my horse to start. The contest was a four-lap one, and should have been kept to that distance. If changing and chopping about like this for whatever reasons, valid or otherwise, the judges may decide, owners may well be excused if they refrain from trusting the reputations of their horses to the whims, caprices, or prejudices of the judges. If this particular event had been a one-lap contest I have no hesitation in saying there would have been only one entry, and that the one that was awarded the prize.

"Spectator" writes:—I was most disagreeably impressed by the judging in the trotting and jumping competitions at the horse parade at the Agricultural Grounds. The former was run off in beats of four laps each to determine the speed, style, and action, all of which might easily be arrived at on the beats; but for some unaccountable reason the judges sent the winners of these beats once round again singly when what appeared the winner was given but second place, presumably because of the speed of the one lap. Now, if speed was the determining factor, it was manifestly unfair to change the distance in the run-off from four laps to one lap.

There was no run-off at the contest at the last agricultural show. It would be interesting to know why the practice laid down then was departed from on this occasion. The jumping also showed some queer judging, if the demonstration made by the spectators is any criterion. Here, again, the apparently best jumper was awarded second prize, and upon the rider indicating his disgust by riding round exhibiting the prize he was called up and deprived of that, as though, forsooth, the conduct of the riders after the awarding of the prizes could be taken as a factor in the judgment. A more glaring display of Czarism was never witnessed on these popular grounds, and I trust never will again.

[The secretary of the Royal Agricultural Society, Mr. H. M. Somer, explains that before the Easter Show takes place the training regulations will probably have been altered to provide that the contests will be decided in heats and a final, all of which will be run over the same distance. Members of the horse committee appear to favour such a course.]

Mr. J. A. Fitzsimmons writes:—As rider of the horse Exchange at the horse show on the 15th inst. I must take exception to the report of that horse's performance appearing in Thursday's issue of your paper. The report states that Exchange's pace was slow. It was certainly much slower than that of some of the other competing horses, but as fast as any hunter's should be, and certainly much faster than that of the winning horse. The report goes on to say that Exchange tapped the log fence. Exchange jumped 32 fences yesterday, and did not in the slightest way touch one of them.

[Exchange's performance was reported in the same impartial way as that of the other horses in the contest. Mr. Fitzsimmons, however, should know whether his mount jumped cleanly, and his assurance that he did so is accepted.]

TO POISON FOXES.

T. G. S. (Old Junee) writes:—I noticed in your Thursday's issue (9th), under the heading "On the Land," where "Kilkee" (Koorawatha) was asking the best means for poisoning foxes. I will give my experience of poisoning the pest, and how it is done: When killing a sheep, let it bleed into a vessel (a tin dish); keep the liver also. When taking out the entrails, let the blood drop on to a branbag. Keep all the entrails; put them in the branbag for a trail. Then take the liver, cut into small pieces about the size of an egg, put a cut in each piece as deep as possible, put sufficient strychnine into each piece to kill a fox—viz., about what would lie on a sixpence. Blood also makes good bait. Put about a teaspoonful of poison in a pint of congealed blood; mix well together. Having done all this, next take a vehicle (where practicable), tie the branbag with entrails on the axle, let it drag along the ground. At intervals of, say, 200 or 300 yards put a little blood on the "trailer." Drop the baits about from 100 to 200 or 300 yards apart, according to the number of foxes. If they are very thick the baits would be better closer together. To put the blood baits out it is necessary to get out of the trap; to do so, step out on the branbag behind (getting over the back of the trap). By poisoning in the above manner I feel sure good results will follow. We have got as many as five or six at one poisoning. One station on the Murrumbidgee poisoned 25 one night.

FORTIFYING WINES.

COROWA, Thursday.

Vignerons from Rutherglen, Wahgunyah, and Corowa, in an informal way interviewed Sir W. Lyne yesterday with respect to the Distillation Act Amendment Bill, which provides that spirit to be used in fortifying wines should be two years old. In the course of the interview it was shown that the views of practical vignerons were decidedly against the proposal, and it was stated no arguments could be brought forward to favour such a departure from the custom hitherto existing. To adopt the proposed legislation would mean heavy losses to vignerons for the next two years.

Sir William Lyne was undoubtedly in sympathy with the growers, and promised that some relief would be granted them. Possibly the practice of permitting the use of spirit after it had been found chemically pure would be reverted to.

DISEASED BULLOCKS.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

The acting police magistrate, Mr. Stephen Murphy, granted an application to the police to-day for the destruction of two diseased bullocks seized at Farley trucking yards. These bullocks were suffering badly from tuberculosis, and were driven from Kempsey, consigned to Flemington. The acting police magistrate remarked that owners should be prosecuted for consigning such cattle for sale.

LAND BALLOT.

MUSWELLBROOK, Thursday.

The Government reserve, known as Ogilvie's Hill, within three miles of Denman, comprising 1350 acres, was recently thrown open for selection, and attracted 40 applicants for the last divided four blocks, classified conditional purchase leases, terms 40 years. The applications were dealt with by the Land Board yesterday, and 28 were selected for the ballot. The successful applicants were:—G. Assimis, 499 acres, at £1 18s 6d per acre; M. J. Carey, 378 acres, at £3 per acre; F. Asimus, 309 acres, at £2 8s 4d per acre; P. Murphy, 152 acres, at £3 10s 6d per acre.

PRAYERS FOR RAIN.

STROUD, Thursday.

The condition of things is so serious in this district just now from want of rain that Tuesday was set apart by the churches, in connection with a similar movement at Dungog, as a day of humiliation and prayer. Services were held in the Church of England and Methodist Church, and were well attended.

MEETINGS OF FARMERS.

GRAFTON.—At a meeting of the Clarence Pastoral and Agricultural Society on Thursday, Mr. E. T. Blaxland was elected president; Messrs. W. C. Thorold and W. A. Zuill vice-presidents; Mr. A. Thompson treasurer; and Mr. T. T. Bowden secretary. It was decided to affiliate with the North Coast Agricultural Societies' Association.

DAIRYING.

ULMARRA.—The half-yearly report of the Clarence Pioneer Dairy Company states that the income had been nearly £36,000.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

COROWA.—At the monthly meeting of the Pastures Board it was decided to protest against payment of 20 per cent. from the revenue, as recently demanded by the Government. The salary of Inspector Campbell is to be reduced by £50, and the assistant inspector has been given two months' notice that his engagement will terminate. This step has been taken in view of the rabbits now being under reasonable control, and the inspectors not being required to make such rigid inspections.

LOCKHART.—The abundant supply of grass and the general excellence of the season's prospects are being reflected in the good demand and the high prices that are being paid for stock of all kinds, as well as the marked activity in the real property market. During the past month Messrs. Drummond and Co., a local auctioneering firm, have had record sales of both cattle and sheep, as well as horses, and there is still a strong demand at high ruling rates. The same firm has sold considerable areas of station properties, including Airlie station, near Narrandera, consisting of 9000 acres, with 4000 sheep, on account of the New Zealand Mercantile Agency Company, of Melbourne, Emu Plains station, near Lockhart, on account of Mrs. E. Wakley, comprising 20,000 acres, with 13,000 sheep (including 250 stud rams) and 50 bullocks, the purchaser being Mr. A. Scott, of Dandenong, Victoria; and a block of 622½ acres, on account of owner, at Milbrulong, also near Lockhart. This land changed hands at from £5 per acre freehold to £2 10s. And at these figures the auctioneers mentioned report that they still have inquiries for good agricultural and grazing land.

WELLINGTON.—Rain is badly wanted, especially in view of the rather warm weather for this time of the year. The outlook for crops at Curra Creek is a bad one, if rain does not soon fall, more especially for the late-sown crops. In spite of poisoning and trapping, the rabbits are on the increase about Curra Creek, and they are said to be playing havoc with the late crops. At a drive on Mr. A. Rich's Rozelayne property, 282 were shot by a few shooters. Nearly three-quarters of an inch of rain fell at Wuuluman at the end of last week, but the fall only covered an area half a mile in width. The district towards Illingery was most favoured. The wheat crops about Wuuluman are also looking bad, some not being above ground yet. The Mudgee River up from there is dry for miles, and the sheep thereabouts are very poor, and many of them are dying.

PARKES AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

PARKES, Thursday.

The show was continued to-day in perfect weather, and the attendance was about 4000. Additional awards:—

President's trot: W. Barnett's Phyllis, 1. Weight-carrying hack: D. Weire, 1. Ladies' hack: P. Lawler, 1. Farm hackney: G. Ford, 1. Pony hack: T. Judd, 1. Pony in harness, 12 hands or under: T. Judd, 1. Pony in harness, over 12 hands: Dr. H. O. Johnson, 1. Pony hack, over 12, not exceeding 13, hands: A. G. F. Bollinger, 1. Pony in harness, over 13, and not exceeding 14, hands: E. J. Rees, 1. Pony hack, over 13, and not exceeding 14, hands: D. C. Doyle, 1. Pony stallion, over 13, and not exceeding 14, hands: W. Rees, 1. Pony stallion, under 13 hands: T. Grandeen, 1. Maiden hunter: W. Murray's Pancake, 1; R. E. Frost's Sybarite, 2. Trotting stallion, 3 years or over: Mrs. C. White's Mambrino Abdallah, 1. Trotting mare: G. Barnett's Phyllis, 1. Show handicap trot: W. Riddle's Pickwick, 40s beh., 1; Jones's Rory O'More, 20s beh., 2. Boy rider, under 12: Mervyn Doyle, 1. Tandem race: T. Pittis, 1. Girl rider, under 12: Ruby Townsend, 1. Lady rider: Miss Cousins, 1. Farmer's turnout: Mr. T. Job. Oldest lady rider: Mrs. Shepherd. Hunters' competition: Eroni Bros.' Sunlight, 1. High jump: Eroni Bros.' Curiosity. Pair of hacks: G. Bradley, 1. Lady's hurdles: Judd's Dick, 1. Pony competition, 13.1 hands and under: J. Wells, 1. Light harness horse: J. W. Broughton, 1. Pair light harness horses: Broughton and Thomas, 1.

Dray, springcart, double-seated buggy: J. Westcott. Single-seated buggy, waggonette: C. Collier, 1. Sulky: Rath and Co., 1 and special. Waggon: J. Bennett. Saddlery: H. Pepper secured all awards.

Greyhound dog: W. Churchward, 1. Slut: J. Best, 1. Cattle dog: C. O'Donnell, 1. Slut: W. R. Cole, 1. Sheepdog: J. Job, 1. Slut: A. Lane, 1. St. Bernard: W. Tanner, 1. Irish setter: Rev. M. Campion, 1. English terrier: E. Howard, 1. Fox-terrier: T. Job, 1.

CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.

The sessions of the Christian conference, held under the auspices of the Western Suburbs Ministerial Association, were concluded at the Petersham Town Hall yesterday afternoon and evening, the Rev. Dr. Porter and the Rev. F. Binns presiding. It is proposed to hold a supplementary evangelistic service on August 30, conducted by Mrs. Harrison Lee, in the Petersham Congregational Church. Bright singing was engaged in, and stirring missionary addresses were delivered during the afternoon.

Dr. H. Grattan Guinness, F.R.A.S., spoke of missionary work during the last 50 years, in the course of a comprehensive address. From the rich storehouse of his memory he revived recollections of missionary enterprise throughout the world, and particularly mentioned Italy and Russia, in which the closed door was once the chief feature to the missionary, as having made notable advancement along the line of Christian enlightenment of late years.

In the evening a young people's service was held. The Rev. W. M. Cartwright, in dealing with doubters, said he found there were timid believers who raised difficulties for themselves, and feared to dispel them, and he counselled them to trust the Word. The superficial observer was a more difficult class. He knew of one who found fault with the Bible because David had been called a hero in it. The Bible did not make David a hero, "a man after God's own heart," because of his one great sin, but in spite of it. He said that in times gone by there was some danger that the Bible would be lost in the books written about it. Then the Reformation came, and the Bible came into living prominence, and its influence had increased. He trusted that all would take the Book and study it in the light of the Holy Spirit.

The Rev. Wm. Allen, hon. secretary, made all arrangements for what proved to be a successful conference.

EXTENSION OF ROZELLE TRAM.

Mr. Booth, M.L.A., yesterday introduced to the Minister for Works a deputation, which asked for the extension of the tramway from the Rozelle Post Office to Leichhardt. It was pointed out that previously a deputation had waited on the Minister, and requested the extension of the tram to the Petersham railway station, but that request had not been granted by the Government. They now asked for the extension to Leichhardt, a distance of three-quarters of a mile. It was urged that the line would not be expensive to construct, and as it would pass through a well-populated district, it would be revenue-producing.

Mr. Lee, in reply, said that he did not call for a report from the Railway Commissioners because he did not know what the deputation intended to ask for. However, he would call for a report of the probable expenditure and earning of the proposed extension. If the Commissioners reported that there was no justification for the extension, then the whole matter would fall to the ground.

ULCERS IN EYES, SIGHT THREATENED. CURED BY CUTICURA.

"I used the Cuticura Remedies eight years ago for my little boy, who had ulcers in the eyes, which resulted from vaccination. His face and nose were in a bad state also. At one time we thought he would lose his sight for ever, and at that time he was in the hospital for seven or eight months and under specialists. The discharges from the eyes and nose were bad and would have left scars, I feel sure, had it not been for the free use of Cuticura Remedies. The Cuticura Resolvent seemed to send the trouble out, the Ointment healed it outwardly, and the soap cleansed and healed both. He is entirely cured now; but since then I have bought the Cuticura Resolvent to cleanse and purify the blood, and the Soap I cannot speak too highly of as a cleansing and medicinal beautifier.—Mrs. Agnes Wright, Irwin, Pa., Oct. 16, 1905." The original of the above testimonial is on file in the office of the Potter Drug and Chemical Corporation. Reference: R. Towns and Co., Merchants, Sydney, N.S.W.—Advt.

This week's "Sydney Mail" contains a number of the champions at the recent Brisbane Show.—Advt.

THE HORSE PARADE.

THE SALES.

THOROUGHBRED STALLIONS.

The sales in connection with the Horse Parade, inaugurated by the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales, began yesterday at the Moore Park grounds, before a large attendance, which included pastoralists, farmers, and horse fanciers. The sale was opened by Messrs. H. Chisholm and Co., who presented a catalogue of thoroughbreds, but bidding was languid, and none reached the reserved prices. Mr. John Inglis, of William Inglis and Son, next took the rostrum and offered a large catalogue of thoroughbreds, trotters, and utility breeds, and by that time the attendance had materially increased, while the bidding became more spirited. The two Tucka Tucka stallions, Metal and Gaulus, were the first brought under the hammer, and the former went cheaply to Mr. D. C. Howell-Price, of the Fairfield stud, Windsor, at 76 guineas; but Gaulus left the ring unsold. The World, a fine stamp of a big massive thoroughbred, was purchased by Messrs. Gilchrist, Watt, and Co., for a station sire; Hubert, Torrent, Inheritor, and Overdale failed to find purchasers. A bid of 200 guineas was made for the lastnamed, but, being below the owner's reserve, the horse was passed in. The total sales during the day amounted to about 2500gs. Following are the particulars:—

BLOOD STALLIONS.

On account of Mr. J. R. Smith.
Br h Metal (imp.) (foaled in 1892), by Sterling—Fair Vestal, by Vespasian—Mr. D. C. Howell Price (Windsor), 76 guineas.

On account of the Loe Estate.
Ch h The World (1899), by Atlas—Fleck, by Glendon—Messrs. Gilchrist, Watt, and Co., 150 guineas.

On account of Messrs. R. C. and J. White, Harben Vale.
Br h Charge (1895), by Carbine—Forest Queen, by King Cole (imp.)—Mr. P. Elliott (Wollongong), 55 guineas.

On account of Messrs. M'Caffrey and Murphy, Ballarat (Vic.).
B h Footpath, 5yrs, by Redpath—Iolanthe, by Countryman—Mr. J. Barry, 60 guineas.

GRADE ARAB.

On account of Mr. J. Chittick, Kangaroo Valley.
Cr h Young Kars (Arab), by Kars (imp.)—Mr. M. Regan (Tamworth), 21 guineas.

TROTTING STALLIONS.

On account of Mr. J. J. McNickle, Wagga Wagga.
Milwaukie, by Vesuvius—dam by Yorkshire Hero—Mr. Bryant, 52 guineas.

On account of Mr. S. A. Johnston, Pitt Town.
Burlington, by Tuxedo (imp.)—dam by Hastings—Mr. R. J. Head, 50 guineas.

On account of Mr. E. J. Miller, Glebe.
Carbineer, by Tuxedo (imp.)—Claremont (imp.)—Mr. J. Corrigan, 125 guineas; Irvington B., by Irvington—Vera—Mr. Gabriel, 50 guineas.

On account of Mr. H. Hall, St. Marys.
Clarrie, by Claredo—Clara—Mr. George Christie, 30 guineas.

On account of Mr. F. D. Brown.
Midnight, by Dick Harold—Dawn—Mr. A. Geary, 40 guineas.

On account of Mr. W. Curtis, Windsor.
A dark bay, by Tuxedo (imp.)—dam by Era—Mr. G. Turner, Inverell, 67 guineas.

On account of Mr. S. F. Dunstan, Richmond.
Hawkesbury, by Tuxedo (imp.)—Lady Jersey—Mr. E. Taylor, Cudal, 80 guineas.

On account of Mr. R. Beckett, Sydney.
Harold Boy, by Charles Harold—Miss Patchem—Mr. M. O'Donnell, West Maitland, 29 guineas.

On account of Mr. Harry Rivett.
Stanmore, by Tuxedo—Nancy—Mr. Ross, New England, 165 guineas.

On account of Mr. T. H. Nancarrow, Ryde.
Turko, by Swede—Dolly—Mr. Smith, Tenterfield, 36 guineas.

On account of Mr. D. Rees, North Sydney.
Lord Charmer, by Charmer's Son—Donny S.—Mr. E. M'Leod, Mount Hunter, 50 guineas.

On account of Mr. J. Francis, Forest Lodge.
Tranby, by Tuxedo—dam by Viking—Mr. R. Beckett, 45 guineas; Guy Fawkes, by Souvenir—Dolly—Mr. Markwell, 55 guineas.

COACHING STALLIONS.

On account of Mr. J. M'Coy, Cathcart.
Othello (imp.), 16.2—Mr. Christie, 29 guineas.

On account of Mr. John Phillips, Mount Keira.
Huntsman, by Perfection—New Warrior—Mr. W. F. Nash, Cootamundra, 48 guineas.

DRAUGHT STALLIONS.

On account of Mr. W. J. O'Brien, Dapto.
Keloin Yet, bay colt (foaled 1902)—Mr. Jas. Overall (Windsor), 185 guineas.
Queensbury (by horse foaled 1902)—Mr. Watt (Gilchrist, Watt, and Co.)—90 guineas.
Sir Charles, bay colt (foaled 1904)—Herbert Brothers, 120 guineas.

On account of Mr. M. H. Blake, Pymble.
Mountain King, 6 yrs.—Mr. M. Moran, 70 guineas.
Royal Chief, bay, rising 3 yrs.—Mr. W. Fisher, Coolamon, 90 guineas.

On account of Mr. P. Howell, Richmond.
Brilliant Field, dark bay, rising 3 yrs.—Mr. W. Butler, 90 guineas.

On account of Mr. C. Greentree, Wilberforce.
Kettle, black, rising 2 yrs.—Mr. Geo. Christie, 25 guineas.

On account of Mr. T. H. Mann, Duckenfield, Morpeth.
Lock Furgen (foaled November, 1903)—Mr. Watt (Gilchrist, Watt, and Co.)—80 guineas.

On account of Mr. A. M'Innes, Dunmore.
Glendon, black, 6 yrs.—Mr. J. T. Collett, Queanbeyan, 60 guineas.

On account of Mr. J. T. Collett, Appin.
Pride of the South, dappled brown, rising 4 yrs.—Mr. W. Christian, Queensland, 51 guineas.

On account of Mr. J. T. Smith, Stockton.
Balmeadre, bay (foaled November, 1904)—Mr. John M'Geary, 53 guineas.

On account of Mr. James Duncan, Eurobodella.
—— (foaled January, 1903)—Mr. J. S. M'Lean, 46 guineas.

On account of Mr. T. Gardener, North Richmond.
Laddie, bright bay (foaled November, 1904)—Mr. John Knight, 17½ guineas.

THE TRUTH ABOUT REFORM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—All lovers of good honest government will heartily applaud your article of Friday last in condemnation of the Government, and also your leader of Tuesday in answer to the reply of Mr. F. E. Winchcombe. As you stated the case against the Ministry and your correspondent plainly and fully, it is unnecessary for me to deal with the matter in detail. However, there is one statement by Mr. Winchcombe that calls for strong comment, and it is as follows:—"I was one of these redhot Reform advocates myself, consumed by the idea that we only had to get our party into power, and all that we wanted could be forthwith achieved by the 'proverbial stroke of the pen.' But when I went into Parliament I was disillusioned. I found that the introduction of new legislation was surrounded by difficulties, delays, formalities, and pitfalls; that the Parliamentary machine moved slowly even under the most favourable circumstances, and that progress in a given direction could only be made with infinite patience." Mr. Winchcombe advances this statement in defence of the Government, yet to my mind it only adds to the already very strong case against the Government. Mr. Carruthers has been in Parliament for between 18 and 20 years, and has held office in various Administrations, and consequently should be well aware of these "delays, difficulties, formalities, and pitfalls," but in spite of that he went to the country promising such legislation and reform which he has not only not carried out, but has made no attempt whatever to carry out. Is there one man or woman in the State who can say that the Government has made an honest attempt to carry out its promises and its obligations? From beginning to end its actions have been backboneless and inept, and absolutely unworthy of the confidence of the great body of New South Wales reformers.

I am, etc.,
August 16. G. A. PITT.

OUR TELEPHONES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Your correspondent "Merchant" in today's issue voices the feelings of thousands of aggrieved subscribers. While I recognise many of the difficulties that confront telephone officials I consider that if a little more civility were shown and less anxiety to put you on to "95" the service would work more smoothly. As it is, a complainer is a marked man, and I dare not even mention the particular suburb I write from lest I may be detected and made to pay the penalty. Such a condition of affairs ought not to exist.

I am, etc.,
Aug. 15. SUBURBAN EXCHANGE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I would like to endorse "Merchant's" letter in your issue of yesterday. In verification I have to say that I telephoned to the head exchange to-day, asking to be connected with North Botany, and was connected with Hunter's Hill. If there was any similarity in the pronunciation of these names there might have been some excuse for the attendant, but as they are so different in this respect further comment is unnecessary.

I am, etc.,
Aug. 16. EMPLOYER.

PERFECTLY SAFE.

L. O'Donnell, Emmaville, writes:—"Have given Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to my own children; I find it prevents croup if given in time, and it is perfectly safe to give to the youngest child." Mr. O'Donnell strikes the keynote of the success of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy when he says the Remedy is perfectly safe to give to a baby—and if given in time will prevent croup.—Advt.

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"POOR JACK."

CRIMPING AND SHANGHAIING.

GRAVE STATE OF AFFAIRS.

DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT.

PROTEST BY THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES.

STATEMENT BY MR. CARRUTHERS.

In the Legislative Assembly last night,

Mr. SULLIVAN moved the adjournment of the House in order to discuss the cruel treatment of sailors at the ports of Sydney and Newcastle. He said he had no fault to find with the treatment meted out to the sailors of the coasting vessels, but it was in regard to the deep sea sailors that there was room for serious complaint. The men signed their articles for two years, and it meant that for those two years they were not legally entitled to receive a threepenny piece to replenish their clothes or buy tobacco or soap. When they got to a port like Newcastle, which was alive with crimping, not the slightest sympathy was extended to them. It seemed to be everyone's business to take them down. People asked why were there no British sailors? The reason was that British subjects would not take such work on. The percentage of foreign sailors in the British merchant service was increasing yearly. There was proof that low public-houses in Newcastle were nothing but crimping dens, and the publicans shared the fees.

A WIDESPREAD CONSPIRACY.

The masters treated the men harshly, with the deliberate intention of driving them out of their ships, and that they might forfeit their pay, and they relied on the crimpers to supply them with new crews. He had frequently urged that there should be a provision that no crews should be engaged after office hours. It opened the door, and made it simple for the bloodhounds to live. The method was simple, and he would give names. The master of the ship sent for the crimp, and the latter supplied the masters with new crews. If a search warrant was issued tomorrow in half the low public-houses in Newcastle there would be found hundreds of discharges. The traffic in advance notes was cruel. He had been in many cases, and knew about what he was talking. He was appealing to men not bereft of commonsense to say how the money was cut up. He thought they could remedy the whole matter to a great extent if the police were more strict.

CLEAN UP NEWCASTLE.

What he favoured was an absolute cleaning out of Newcastle, putting in new magistrates, police—a new lot of officials altogether. The matter of allowing men to be secured after office hours was, perhaps, the most serious phase of the question. He had drawn the Premier's attention to a case in which a man said he was drunk when he was put aboard, and that he knew nothing about it, and did not want to go to sea. The Premier called for a report, and the official statement supplied to the Premier was to the effect that when the man went on board the ship he was sober. Would the shipping master admit that a man was shipped when drunk? The master of the vessel corroborated that statement, but it was well known that men were drugged and put on board at Newcastle by the hundred. It was claimed that because the man in the case referred to had signed the butt of the advance note he knew what he was doing. Did the officials at Newcastle think they could impose upon the Treasury officials in that way? It was out of the advance notes that the persons who carried on the crimping business made their money. The report stated that it was quite possible that the man (Wilkinson) may have been a miner, but he had served on the Fanny Fisher as an A.B. If the vessel referred to was the old ship of that name Wilkinson's discharge must have been 20 years ago; if it was a new vessel of that name, the date of the discharge and other necessary particulars would have been furnished. He trusted the Government would take such steps as would wipe out the hotbed of infamy at Newcastle.

STATEMENT BY THE PREMIER.

BRITISH AUTHORITIES COMPLAIN.

The PREMIER said that when representations were made to the Government on the subject he had asked for a report, and it was ascertained that a good deal of crimping had been going on at Newcastle. Complaints had also been made on behalf of the British Government, with the result that further investigations were instituted. The Government had taken certain action some time ago which had brought about a considerable diminution of the practice. The Government were still persevering, but perhaps it might nullify and stultify the steps taken if he disclosed the details of their action, because if he gave a warning, the people they required would probably be able to keep out of the way of the authorities. The Government had determined to put down crimping, and to protect the seamen who, in their moments of weakness, were taken advantage of by those who carried on the traffic. A thorough change could not be effected at once, but it could only be brought about by rigid and systematic application of the law.

CURATIVE MEASURE PROCEEDING.

In parts of America crimping had been carried on to a very large extent, and steps had been taken which had reduced the evil very much. Similar methods were being adopted here, and he hoped the results would be much more speedy in the near future than they had been in the past. The Government were keenly alive to their responsibility, and had ensured action being taken during many months past. Officers who had been sent to check the work of the local officers had returned with reports showing that good work was being done.

Mr. EDDEN said that all he knew was that crimping had been going on at Newcastle for years past, but he supposed there was quite as hot a bed of infamy in Sydney. It seemed strange to him that things of this kind could exist in a civilised community, especially with all the officials at Newcastle to see that the law was not broken. Surely all the crimping was not carried on in a corner under the cover of darkness? He would be very sorry to make a charge against the police or anyone else, unless he had good proof, but he felt bound to say that it looked very suspicious on the face of it.

A DOG'S LIFE ON SHIPBOARD.

Mr. KELLY said crimping was no worse here than in other countries. From his own experience he knew that men who were "shanghaied" were given a dog's life on board ship. Captains of ships often made the conditions on board so severe that men were forced to desert, whereupon the captain offered a reward for the recovery of the deserter, had a crimped man put in his place, and pocketed the reward. There was no control over the deep-water ships, with respect to the employment of seamen. He hoped the Premier would see that no shipping authority would be allowed to go on board those vessels after the regulation hours. Crimps took men ashore and kept them ashore until the vessel got away. Meanwhile, the seaman was reported missing, and his advance note was cashed.

AN UNHOLY COMBINATION.

Mr. M'NEILL pointed out that the first speech he had delivered in the House was somewhat on the lines of the speech made by Mr. Sullivan. There was scarcely a ship that left Newcastle Harbour with its full complement of seamen. He mentioned the case of the illfated Kerang, which had left with five men short. The boarding-house-keepers sent men from Newcastle to Sydney to shanghai them. Nearly 70 per cent. of the boarding-house-keepers and publicans in Newcastle were, he said, connected with this great evil. If an inquiry were ordered into the practice in vogue at Newcastle he would undertake to prove that some of the Government officers and the police force had full knowledge of what was going on. Men who were labourers or mechanics, or anything but seamen, were shipped as seamen. He ventured to say that if a warrant were issued for many of the boarding-houses and public-houses to be raided at once it would be found that about 500 discharges of firemen and seamen could be unearthed. Men were shipped under false names and "crook" discharges. He was glad that the Premier had started to make inquiries into this evil, because it was a fact that scores of people were living on the seamen's advance notes. If a board of inquiry were granted evidence could be produced which would be a revelation to the public.

A WORD FOR THE PUBLICANS.

Mr. ESTELL admitted that the port of Newcastle had the most unenviable reputation, and he thought the hon. member for Phillip was to be congratulated for having called public attention to this great evil. He did not, however, agree with the statement that 70 per cent. of the hotelkeepers were following the practice. Comparatively few hotelkeepers resorted to it; just a small minority.

Mr. JESSEP could never imagine that 70 per cent. of the hotelkeepers and boarding-house-masters carried on this nefarious work.

Mr. M'NEILL: I say 70 per cent. of the boarding-house-masters are in it.

Mr. JESSEP contended that if the facts were such as related by Mr. M'Neill he should have communicated with the Crown Law authorities.

Mr. M'NEILL: I called attention to it four years ago.

Mr. THROWER said that in no occupation were the conditions of life so degrading as in that of the sailor. It was the duty of the Government, which made laws for the benefit of those engaged in agriculture and mining, to make some provision for the welfare of the seafaring community. A strong case had been made out by the member who moved the motion for the adjournment. It would be an easy matter to make it compulsory for a master to ship his crew within certain hours, and on the mainland. If he had a son he would rather see him in his coffin than allow him to go to sea under the present conditions. Was it any wonder that the mercantile marine was manned by derelict foreigners? The abuses were undeniable, and should be immediately remedied.

ANOTHER SIDE TO THE QUESTION.

Mr. DICK said that every possible effort had been put forward by the late shipping-master and the present shipping-master to prevent abuses. It so happened that the abuses mentioned were practically beyond their control, because both parties concerned were outside the law. When a vessel arrived from England the men found that the wages paid locally were so much higher than they had been receiving that it was to their interest to let their accumulated wages go, and start off from scratch under local conditions. It was unfortunate that the officers who administered the Shipping Act could not control the operations of the sailor or of the crimper, but they tried their utmost to prevent a conspiracy between the two parties. He did not believe that 1 per cent. of the hotelkeepers and the boarding-house keepers in Newcastle were guilty of crimping. In the United States, where the shipping laws were supposed to be the most perfect, there was proportionately ten times as much crimping as in Australia. He believed that there was far less crimping and shanghai-ing in Newcastle than in any port of similar size in the world. Further, if there was any man who worked strenuously to put down the abuse, it was the shipping-master at Newcastle.

MR. M'GOWEN DEMANDS ACTION.

Mr. M'GOWEN said he was perfectly prepared to accept the Premier's assurance that drastic steps were going to be taken, but he was astonished to hear from the honorary Minister that crimping and shanghai-ing would continue whatever was done. Was Parliament impotent?

Mr. DICK: Absolutely impotent.

Mr. M'GOWEN refused to accept that view.

Mr. DICK: It is the most difficult problem in New South Wales.

Mr. M'GOWEN: There are a great many difficult problems, but their being difficult doesn't mean that we should not tackle them. It seemed to him to be a case for granting greater powers to the officials.

Mr. DICK: What greater powers can you give that will extend beyond the three-mile limit?

Mr. M'GOWEN said that in the case the honorary Minister had quoted, an officer should go aboard the tug, and prevent the return to shore of the man who so repeatedly shipped as mate but always returned on the tug.

Mr. SULLIVAN: A simple letter to the Board of Trade would stop all that.

Mr. BROUGHTON animadverted upon the terrible conditions under which sailors had to live. Owing to the sordid commercial spirit that was paramount in this twentieth century the British sailor was rapidly becoming extinct.

Mr. SULLIVAN, in reply, tendered thanks to the Premier, on behalf of the seamen, for the promise he had made. He also wished to say that he had no intention of reflecting upon the better-class hotel and boarding-house keepers in Newcastle. He contended that the evil could be grasped and throttled, and he hoped it would be so dealt with.

The motion for adjournment was negatived.

IMMIGRATION LEAGUE.

MEETING OF COMMERCIAL MEN.

ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

A meeting of commercial men was held under the auspices of the Immigration League of Australia at the Royal Exchange yesterday afternoon, Mr. F. E. Winchcombe (vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce) presiding.

Dr. Arthur said that it was generally recognised that the question of immigration was one of the most important of the present day. They all knew to what an extent Canada and the United States had prospered through the influx of people from other lands, but in Australia, in spite of good seasons, etc., business was languishing. To his mind that was mainly due to the stationary population in the Commonwealth. It was essential that there should be an influx of people, prepared to settle on the land. (Hear, hear.) At the present time almost 70 per cent. of the population of New South Wales lived in towns. He was looking through some figures the previous night, and was astonished to find that during the ten years between 1891 and 1901 the people engaged in agriculture had only increased by 4000, while those engaged in trade and commerce had increased by 22,000. It was true that both the Federal and State Governments had during the past year or two recognised the necessity of doing something to encourage population to these shores, but the steps they had taken were totally inadequate. The sum of £2000 placed on the estimates by the State Parliament was a ridiculously small sum; while the sum of £5000 placed on the Federal estimates to deal with the whole of Australia was out of all proportion, and it appeared that they were only playing with the question. It was because it was felt that it was necessary to bring pressure to bear upon the Government that the Immigration League was formed. The league since its establishment had been able to do a great deal of good and useful work, which in many cases the Government would not have been able to do. He explained that the association had had articles produced in many of the English and Continental papers, pointing out the advantages of the State to agriculturists and others. That work if paid for by the Government would have cost some thousands of pounds. That, he thought, was one reason why the Government should give them every encouragement. It was the business of the league to force the hands of the Government in connection with the matter. He would like to see the sum of £50,000 placed on the State estimates, and the sum of £100,000 on the Federal estimates, so that the matter could be dealt with in a thorough manner. He appealed to those present to support the league.

Sir William M'Millan moved,—"That this meeting of representatives of the commercial interests of New South Wales, while sympathising with the Federal Government's publicly expressed desire to promote immigration, yet consider the sum of £5000, recently voted for the encouragement of immigration, ridiculously inadequate for the attainment of the end desired. Furthermore, we desire to impress upon the Federal Government the desirability of adopting more strenuous measures in furtherance of a vigorous policy of immigration, confident they will receive the active support of members representing all political parties in the House. Also, that the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth." He said that of all the questions agitating Australia none were of such importance as immigration. He ventured to say that half the measures which had taken up the time of Federal politicians were either unnecessary or could have been postponed, while many important matters affecting the national welfare had been overlooked. It was necessary that there should be an influx of people, so that they could build up a great Commonwealth that could defy the world. They wanted that stream of immigration which had stopped to be resumed. If there was a population of ten million British people round Australia it would be impossible for any foreign Power to touch it. They knew the dangerous position they were in at the present time. Fifty years ago Australia was isolated and perfectly free from danger. They were now face to face with armaments and the possibilities of warfare. They could not shut their eyes and go to sleep, as they might have done years ago. They had to defend this country and keep it. It was their duty to do everything to encourage immigration until the country was strong enough to defy the world. He believed that a scheme something like that outlined that day, in which the Government and the league worked hand in hand, would be most satisfactory.

Colonel Burns, in seconding the motion, said he was sure they were on the right track to induce people to come to Australia.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. G. M. Merivale proposed,—"That this meeting of representatives of the commercial interests of New South Wales, recognising the importance of the question of additional population, desire to direct public attention to the efforts being made by the Immigration League of Australia, and to press recognition of the claims of the league to the support of every section of the community, irrespective of political or any other differences." He referred to the good work that was being accomplished by the league, and said that he would welcome the people from the Continent almost as well as those from Great Britain.

Mr. H. Sparks seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

THE CURE FOR TOOTHACHE.

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TRAMWAY GRIEVANCES.

INQUIRY BOARD'S EVIDENCE.

ESPIONAGE AND GOOD-CONDUCT HOLIDAYS.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE SYSTEM.

SECRET REPORTS AND UNFAIR INFERENCES.

The Tramway Inquiry Board, consisting of Mr. Wilfrid Blacket, chairman, and Messrs. Jacob Garrard and James Curley, members, sat again at the boardroom, Vickery's-chambers, Pitt-street, yesterday. Mr. J. S. Cargill, solicitor for railways, was present to represent the department; Mr. W. A. Holman, M.L.A., instructed by Messrs. Brown and Beeby, appeared for the Tramway Employees' Union. Mr. J. Kneeshaw, Tramway Traffic Superintendent, and Mr. H. F. Brown, Assistant Tramway Traffic Superintendent, were present to watch proceedings in their own interests. Mr. H. Lawton, president of the Tramway Employees' Union, and Mr. A. C. Warton, the secretary, and Mr. D. C. Williamson, the secretary of the Commission, were also present.

A. E. Bindolf, driver, said he had to see the depot master for a breach of the driving regulations. He was called in about five days after the alleged offence, and told that he had been running in parallel (using full current). He received a caution. This was the only blemish on his record between six and seven years' service.

To Mr. Curley: He would like to see these trivial records wiped out after a given period.

C. P. Byrnes, conductor, with five and a half years' service, said he was called to see the assistant superintendent about five days after he had been privately reported for not having called out a stopping-place. Mr. Brown told him at the same time that he had also been reported as having dirty boots. Witness wished to show his boots there and then, and Mr. Brown complained of his being insolent, and let him understand that he was prepared to take the special officer's word in preference to his. Mr. Brown also told him that he might be dismissed for insolence, and ordered him to leave the office, saying he would hear more about it. He never heard any more about the matter. Mr. Kneeshaw had told him, in 1903, that he had been reported for collecting a penny fare instead of a two-penny fare, by delaying in getting to a passenger. Witness was also reported for not examining tickets.

Mr. Cargill: He had not had any loss of good conduct holidays. But he had—by being told that he might have to make room for another—felt that his promotion in the service had been hindered and prejudiced. He, however, admitted that he had now the highest pay for a conductor, and that he had been offered a position as driver, which he had declined.

To the Chairman: He had been reported eight or nine times, and he had been punished about four times. On the other occasions his word had probably been accepted as the correct version.

T. W. M'Cristol, conductor, with four years service, said a report had been lodged against him 12 months ago. He did not know anything about this report. The depot master told him to see the assistant superintendent. Mr. Brown told him that he had been reported for reading a paper on the tram at the terminus a week previously. Witness replied that he knew nothing of the offence, and said he might have been reading the departmental papers. The assistant superintendent preferred to take the other man's word, and witness was reprimanded. On another occasion he had to see Mr. Brown for having failed to call out a stopping place on a trip, about a week before. Again his word was not taken, he being reprimanded a second time.

A "DEATH-DEALING" REPORT.

To Mr. Cargill: He objected to being a subject of a spy, and to being called upon to answer reports made by those special officers. All he asked for was humane treatment. The word of an irresponsible person should not be taken in preference to his own. He was reported once by Examiner Hodge for starting before the passengers were out. Hodge sent in a "death dealing" report, to the effect that he had saved a lady, and rang the bell to stop the tram. Witness had a witness to prove that Hodge was not near the lady or a bell button. Witness was called before Mr. Brown, who said, "Have dare you challenge the accuracy of my officer?" Witness was reprimanded. He appealed, his appeal was dismissed.

To Mr. Curley: He had never been informed who had made the reports against him, except in Hodge's case.

To the Chairman: The sub-inspectors and ticket examiners ought to be a sufficient check over the men. The employment of spies had a tendency to make the men disloyal to the department. He had no objection to passengers making reports, if they could substantiate them. He lost three good conduct holidays last year, and two the year before. He objected to these holidays being docked, because it was tantamount to punishment over again. The indignity of the caution or the reprimand and the loss of time occasioned by a man going down to the office to sign his punishment sheet should be sufficient.

Witness desired to make a statement with a view to having an accuser brought forward about another matter, but he was informed that he could not make such a statement at present.

"MEN'S HONOUR IMPUGNED."

H. Levi, conductor, with three years service, said he was reported by an unknown person for not calling out a stopping place. His defence was that he had never failed to do his duty, and he defied anyone to say so. He was warned. Because of this set back he had felt disheartened.

To Mr. Cargill: He had been cautioned for not holding his trolly pole, and also for sitting in the car on two consecutive days. He was bumped on to the seat at a corner while writing, and he finished writing while sitting. He had never had a misfare. He had not lost any good-conduct holidays.

A. Hewitt, conductor, with over four years service, said he had to see Mr. Brown (after some six months' work) because he had some loose tickets, the inference being that he was dishonest. He denied the insinuation. Mr. Brown said, "Well you will be watched in the future." Witness put in a report demanding an inquiry, and was called to see Mr. Kneeshaw, who said he (witness) had been exonerated from all blame. Witness told the Superintendent that he thought it was a scandalous thing that a man's honour should be so impugned. He was reported for not having the window blind drawn on the sunny side, and also for calling "fares, please," in too loud a voice. He had an accident on the track some time after, by starting the tram while a woman was getting off, and was severely dealt with. He believed that was because of these special officers' reports being kept against him—though he had at the time been able to make satisfactory explanations concerning them. In March he was reported for using saliva in drawing off tickets, instead of using a sponge. He was called up about this, and cautioned, though he knew nothing whatever about it.

To Mr. Cargill: For not helping a woman off the car, and failing to report her accident he had been seriously spoken to, and fined half a day's pay. He had written thanking Mr. Kneeshaw for what transpired at the interview he had with him, and he had apologised for anything he had said in his excitement that might be regarded as objectionable.

To Mr. Garrard: When exonerated from charges Mr. Kneeshaw had not allowed him for his loss of time; probably that was because he had not applied for the loss he had sustained.

EMPLOYMENT OF SPIES.

To the Chairman: He had lost all his good-conduct holidays last year. He objected to the system of employing spies. He objected to being reprimanded for not collecting fares. He took his other punishments as a matter of course, because he had intended getting out of the service. He had been in the City Council's employ at light labour, and was employed driving a storekeeper's cart. He would prefer to be back with the council to being in the tramway service.

Dennis Guihen, conductor, with five years' service, said he was called up to answer why he had failed to call out a stopping-place. He was not asked for an explanation for four or five days after the alleged occurrence. He had to sign a warning, which was to the effect that he should be more careful in future. Two other reports were made against him within about a month. He was asked to explain also why he did not collect a fare for a child over five years occupying a seat. When he was called on for this explanation it was four days after the alleged offence. His reply was that he had no recollection of the occurrence. He was advised to be more careful. He had never signed a paper with reference to a misfare, except at Newcastle four years ago.

Mr. Garrard: What are your objections to the system?

Witness contended that there were many irritating objections. By the lapse of time, and the general nature of a man's work, it was impossible for one to prove his innocence, or for the department to feel that it had proved his guilt. Men who were subjected to a system of close supervision by unknown people could not possibly avoid committing some technical breach of the regulations one time or another.

To Mr. Holman: Men should be informed when detected, and they would then be in a position to admit the charge or to defend it. When days intervened, the men, in nine cases out of ten, knew nothing about the alleged breaches they were supposed to have committed.

EXACTING CONDITIONS.

Witness, further examined by Mr. Holman, stated that the regulations overlapped one another. An employee had several different duties to perform at practically the one time. He could not fulfil to the letter every regulation at the same time. Witness described these duties, and said sins of omission had occurred in the eyes of his superior officers, who, knowing the circumstances, had overlooked them. Had the same omissions occurred in the presence of an unknown special officer the employee would be reported and in some way punished. When he was driving he had been reported for sitting on the driver's seat when going over a crossing, and was reprimanded.

To Mr. Cargill: He had stated in his letter that the sitting down was an oversight. What he objected to was that a man could be punished when not aware of his guilt. He had suffered under the system by not receiving the whole of his good conduct holidays, and he had not got the last increase that he was entitled to.

To the chairman: It had been his regret that he had joined the service. He had done better with less discomfort outside. He had never completed one day's service without infringing several of the regulations. The regulations were not interpreted in a reasonable enough way. An employee ought to feel that he could get the benefit of any doubt.

To Mr. Curley: He believed he had been reported for not collecting the child's fare by the woman who was with the child.

The chairman said the board had received a letter from a railway employee, but the board had no jurisdiction over railway servants.

Dennis O'Connor, a driver with nearly five years' service, stated that he was reprimanded for arriving four minutes ahead of schedule time. The first he heard of the matter was a week or ten days afterwards. It was a very wet night, and he had had no occasion to stop, having no passengers. It was on the Rose Bay line. There was no Bundy clock at Dover-road then. He was cautioned for arriving three minutes ahead of time at Ocean-street. The regulations specified that three minutes need not be reported, otherwise he would have reported it. Because of these two punishments he had lost one day of his good conduct holidays.

Mr. Cargill showed witness papers to prove that the Dover-street report had been made by an officer in uniform. The officer was from another line.

To Mr. Curley: He had had two cautions this year for offences which he denied. One offence, for neglecting to see the conductor register the Bundy, was brought up against him some 10 days after. The other charge which he had denied was for using the Newell magnetic brake going down a hill, instead of the hand-brake.

To Mr. Cargill: Because of the reports by unknown people he treated everybody who got on the trams with suspicion. The Bundy incident (he saw now) occurred on the 28th and he replied to it on the 29th. He heard no more about a report against him for running fast past St. James' Church. His reply on that occasion was that he had run fast for one notch, and then eased up.

To Mr. Holman: He had in one case been asked to reply to an alleged offence after about 12 days, but he could not say which offence it was.

REPORTED FOR DIRTY BOOTS.

Hugh Rohan, conductor, with four and a half years' service, said he was called upon to see the assistant superintendent after five months' service. Mr. Brown said to him, in a loud voice, "Sit down." And he added, "According to this report, which I believe to be true, you have been five months too long in the service." The report set out that witness had not collected a fare; that he was lolling about the car; that he was indifferent to passengers, and that in giving change to a lady he dropped threepence, which he made no attempt to pick up. He was cautioned, and when he appealed against it he was told to see Mr. Kneeshaw, "who treated him as a gentleman should treat a man," and said the punishment had been wiped off. Witness did not receive any payment for his loss of time. On another occasion he had to see Mr. Brown upon a charge of not collecting a fare, and was reprimanded, and told that he was not fit for the service.

Mr. Garrard: You should have been accustomed to that. (Laughter.)

Witness was next before Mr. Brown for alleged dilatoriness in collecting fares, and told that, if he were reported again, he would be dismissed. He never had a misfare until a couple of months ago, when he had an overlap passenger consequent upon attending to two cars. He was called upon for an explanation with respect to dirty boots. He was able to explain that the boots were new glazed tan, costing 16s. (Laughter.) He heard no more about that matter. He was reprimanded in August, 1905, for an offence, which he denied. He never expected to do a trip on the "jumping jacks" on the Cook's River line without being reported. All the "pimps" seemed to live out that way. (Laughter.)

Mr. Cargill said the reports were not made by special officers as alleged, and he produced papers to show that the reports were sent in by the ordinary sub-inspectors.

To Mr. Curley: He had not asked the driver to give an explanation when he was charged with not giving a starting signal.

To Mr. Holman: Last year he lost all his good conduct holidays because of this espionage.

The inquiry was adjourned till 10 a.m. the following day.

Children's Scalp Sores.

ZAM-BUK EXPELS ALL IRRITATION AND DISEASE.

Among children who mingle carelessly in the school play-ground and in the street, the risk of scalp disease is very great; and even when the best care is exercised, disagreeable eruptions, spreading sometimes over the entire scalp, will make their appearance. Dressing freely with Zam-Buk will be found to soothe the itching, irritated surface. Repeated dressing with Zam-Buk will generally be found to eradicate all sores, gradually restore a healthy sweetness to the scalp, stimulate the follicles, and protect the head from the harmful microbes which are often the cause of the trouble. In many cases where the disease is accompanied by the hair falling out, a new crop of hair has been produced. In this way Nature crowns the work of Zam-Buk, which has regenerated the scalp in health. The balm undoubtedly forms an ideal dressing for the heads of both children and adults. The following is a case in point:—

"About twelve months ago," says Mrs. P. Kerr, of 41 Oxford-street, Kingston, Newtown, Sydney, "my little daughter's head broke out in pimply sores. The irritation caused her to scratch them, and in a little while the sores commenced to spread and covered the whole of her scalp. I took her to the doctor, and received a lotion from him, which I used, but without benefit. I then tried several other treatments, but the sores showed no signs of improvement. A lady friend advised me to use Zam-Buk, and presented me with a pot. I accordingly had the hair cut very short and applied Zam-Buk in accordance with directions. After a few days of this treatment a vast improvement was noticeable. All the irritation disappeared, and the sores commenced to dry up nicely, and her scalp was soon quite clear of them. Her hair, which was very thin, is now growing thick and strong. I am quite satisfied that Zam-Buk, and Zam-Buk alone, worked this wonderful change. Zam-Buk is without doubt a wonderful healing balm, which no mother should be without."

SPRING SKIN TROUBLES.

Pimples, boils, blotches, and irritating rashes make their appearance on the approach of Spring. When the skin is suffering from Spring sickness, however slight, it offers excellent pasture and breeding ground to the germs of disease, and a simple pimple may prove the birth place of Eczema, ulceration, or the itching and inflamed sores of some other skin disease. The skin should be examined frequently and carefully, and the slightest manifestation of disorder treated with Zam-Buk. At this season danger signals may usually be found on the face, neck, and back. The Zam-Buk protective and corrective treatment for the skin is ideal because it is natural, and natural because Zam-Buk is prepared from Nature's own vegetable saps and juices.

PIMPLES. Mr. A. Newport, Opera House, Brisbane, Q., writes:—"I am an Actor by profession, and as you may surmise, 'make-ups' do not improve the skin or complexion, so I was agreeably surprised to find that a light application of Zam-Buk allays the irritation and burning, which are the after-effects of rouge, etc. Also after shaving, I find that the use of Zam-Buk makes and keeps the face smooth and supple, and it has also been the means of removing Pimples and blackheads, and also healed sore lips. Altogether, I consider Zam-Buk to be a splendid all-round healing Balm and Embrocation."

RASH. "I suffered with an irritating rash on my neck," says Mr. John Lovejoy, of Ruthven-street, Toowoomba, Q. "It came in a small way at first, but gradually spread until it became a big patch. I consulted a doctor, who said it was a ringworm, but he failed to cure it. For three months I was troubled in this way, when I saw Zam-Buk advertised as a cure for all irritations of the skin, and I decided to give it a trial, and applied it according to directions. By the time I had finished half a small pot, the rash was completely cured, and my skin is now quite free from any trace of it. I always recommend Zam-Buk wherever opportunity affords, and will never be without a pot in the house."

BOILS. Mr. H. Christie, of 16 London-street, Enmore, Sydney, says:—"About five months ago I was troubled with Boils, and tried all manner of things to get rid of them. For weeks I persevered with different treatments, but to no avail. Seeing Zam-Buk advertised as a cure for my complaint, I procured a pot, and applied it as directed, with the pleasing result that the Boils had entirely disappeared after three days of this treatment. It is, therefore, with pleasure I add my testimony to the great worth of Zam-Buk."



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PEOPLE'S REFORM LEAGUE.

NEW PLATFORM ADOPTED.

ADDRESS BY COLONEL BELL.

Mr. John Stinson presided last night at a meeting of the People's Reform League, which was held in the rooms, O'Connell-street.

It was decided to remodel the league's platform as follows:—

The platform shall be:—

(a) To secure a reduction of the number of members of the State Parliament.
(b) To promote economy in Government expenditure, and reform in finance.
(c) To urge the amendment of the electoral laws so as to provide for absolute majority control.
(d) To advocate a policy of land reform, both in the laws and administration, and to encourage immigration.
(e) To oppose undue interference by Government in private enterprise.

To preserve individual liberty, and to do all things conducive to the attainment of the above, or such other objects as may be desirable in the interests of the community.

Colonel Bell, who has recently conducted an anti-socialistic campaign in the country, addressed the meeting. He said that he had appeared before 30 meetings during his tour, and had met with unqualified success. He had pointed out that the people were the pillars of the State, and, that being so, could they afford to be ignorant on questions of great importance affecting themselves? How were they to know that their opinions on political questions were right, and harmonised with their best interests, if those questions were not studied? How could they afford to entertain an opinion at all until their minds underwent a process of reasoning which would enable them to arrive at a logical conclusion? So it was on the question of socialism. It was necessary for the people to understand what it meant; and when they did understand it they would have none of it. The labouring man was being blinded by nebulous theories which were to bring about comfortable maintenance from the cradle to the grave, and the socialists were making use of him. But the people were beginning to understand that there was a great question awaiting their decision, and it was necessary in their interests to go on with the process of education. In the mining districts, and in the backblocks, the working population had listened to his arguments most attentively, and he had observed many instances of changed opinions. Among the people in the backblocks were men of a magnificent type, who possessed broad, understanding minds. He had explained to these men the difference between democracy and socialism, and told them what private enterprise and individualism had done in the interests of liberty. The people were only too willing to have these things explained to them, and when they understood the pros as well as the cons of socialism the decision could be left to their intelligence. (Applause.)

The President touched upon the question of the bill respecting the Railway Commissioners now before Parliament. He said that Parliament was delegating to itself an arbitrary power in regard to the Commissioners, which was unjustifiable. Doubtless it was Parliament's duty to cancel the Commissioners' engagements if it thought the step necessary in the interests of the people, but it had no right to fix the amount of compensation. To decide that question the aid of some other tribunal should be invoked. It was improper to deprive any man of his rights at law, and the opportunity of being heard in support of his own claim. (Cheers.) The president also condemned the present system of enrolment by the police. He thought that the simplest way would be to pass a short Act of Parliament, making it compulsory for persons to enrol themselves, with penalties for non-compliance.

This concluded the business.

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SIR JOSEPH BANKS.

LECTURE BY MR. J. H. MAIDEN.

Mr. J. H. Maiden, F.L.S., Government Botanist and Director of the Botanic Gardens, last evening delivered an interesting lecture, entitled "Sir Joseph Banks, the Father of Australia," at the Royal Society's Rooms, Elizabeth-street. The chair was occupied by Professor Anderson Stuart (president of the Royal Society). There was a good attendance, including Sir Francis Suttor, M.L.C. (president Sir Joseph Banks Memorial Fund), Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan, M.L.A., and Mr. D. Levy, M.L.A.

The lecturer, in his opening remarks, stated that Joseph Banks was born in London on Feburary 13, 1743. He was a Lincolnshire squire, and heir to an ample fortune. At the University of Oxford he evinced a taste for botany, which never left him during his long life. In 1766 he went on a botanical trip to Newfoundland, then a terra incognita, and there is no doubt that this trip whetted his appetite for greater adventure. The Council of the Royal Society of London requested the Admiralty to permit Banks to accompany Cook on his voyage of circumnavigation, which had for one of its objects the observation of the transit of Venus. Banks took with him Solander, a pupil of Linnaeus, artists, and servants, and supplied equipment for scientific and artistic work on a scale such as had never before been provided on a voyage of discovery. The Endeavour left England in August, 1768, and in April, 1770, New South Wales was discovered and Botany Bay visited. Fifty years afterwards the Philosophical Society of Australasia, the precursor of the present Royal Society, erected the tablet at Kurnell in which Cook and Banks were styled the Columbus and Maecenas of their time. Banks was something more than a Maecenas; he was a good botanist. Of this there was plenty of evidence in his own handwriting.

For the sake of his botanical reputation, Banks had the misfortune to be a wealthy man, and thus did not get credit for the undoubtedly great botanical knowledge he possessed. The journal of the Australian voyage, and the journal of his visit to Newfoundland, and many other more or less lengthy documents written by himself, clearly proclaimed the breadth and the depth of his botanical and also his zoological knowledge.

He was, therefore, present at the discovery of Australia, and his interest in this continent never waned. He brought back with him extensive collections of natural history, and although these collections as a whole were not adequately described for many years, he permitted the scientific specialists of all nations to work at them at his London house, which became the greatest British focus of science. He, indeed, maintained at his own expense a botanical establishment for the Empire. He was a personal friend of King George the Third, and the Royal Garden at Kew was supervised by him. He introduced New Holland plants to that garden, and scoured the world for horticultural novelties, in which efforts he was abundantly successful. As far as New South Wales was concerned, most of the early introductions of useful plants were despatched directly or indirectly by Banks.

He was the unofficial adviser of the Government for many years on Australian affairs, and he caused to be appointed two at least of our early Governors, viz., King and Bligh. He never wavered in the interest he took in New South Wales. Flinders was appointed to the Investigator on his voyage of circumnavigation, with Robert Brown as naturalist to the expedition. Three of the most eminent botanists of their day—Solander, Dryander, and Brown—were successively his librarians, and directed the herbarium which he maintained for the use of the whole scientific world. Banks was a kind of loyal friend to a host of people connected with the early history of Australia, and when they got into trouble they appealed to him as a matter of course. He was uniformly kind to the wives of both Solander and Bligh while their husbands were passing through great anxieties.

In a time of sanguinary struggle between England and France he was one of few prominent Englishmen who retained the respect of French scientific men, for he gave proof of his dictum that science knows no political boundaries. When British ships captured French scientific collections Banks's influence with the Government caused them to be transmitted safely and unopened to France. The great Napoleon knew of this, and expressed regret that Banks had not been to France, where, he said, he was very popular.

When he died, full of years and honours, the immortal Cuvier pronounced a beautiful eulogium on him. Banks was a noble character, an unselfish forwarder of the interests of Australia—a man whose memory will be increasingly cherished by Australians the more they inquire into the great services he conferred upon New Holland when it was but a struggling colony.

The lecture was profusely illustrated with about fifty well got-up lantern slides, all of which were entirely new to Sydney audiences. Mr. Maiden was accorded a vote of thanks for his address.

TRADE WITH THE EAST.

THE CONVENTIONAL TARIFF.

Mr. J. B. Suttor, Commercial Agent in the East, has submitted to the Premier a report as to the effect upon Australian trade with the Far East of the legislation passed by the Federal Parliament to restrict immigration from China, Japan, etc. Under its Conventional tariff, Japan grants preferential treatment to the products of States the Governments of which allow, inter alia, the Japanese ingress and egress without restriction, and it will be at once apparent that having passed an Immigration Restriction Act aimed principally at the Chinese and Japanese, the Government of the Commonwealth is unable to claim the benefit of the preferential provisions of the tariff, with the result that Australian products are met with a Customs impost much higher than is applicable to American, British, or German manufactures, and which even the great advantages conferred by Australia's comparative proximity to Japan does not neutralise.

Mr. Suttor does not overlook the fact that concessions have been made to Eastern merchants, tourists, students, etc.; but he states that even now the conditions of admission to Australia are galling to the sensitive natures of the Japanese and Chinese of the better class. In the interests of Australian trade, he says, they should be modified. The existence of the Immigration Restriction Act is well-known to our rivals, and is skilfully used to our detriment. Mr. Suttor quotes instances, which he says could be multiplied indefinitely. In 1905, Japan imported £160,837 worth of condensed milk, of which £39 worth came from Australia, "the reason being that under the general tariff New South Wales has to pay a duty of 30 per cent., and under the Conventional tariff . . . the duty is only 5 per cent. ad valorem. Sole leather is also quoted. Of this Japan imported last year £836,817 worth. Australia's contribution was only £49,521, the general tariff being practically 28s per 132lb, while America and other countries can get the same leather admitted at 11s 10d. Lead, woollen blankets, and toilet soaps are quoted as additional instances, all being admitted at much lower rates under the Conventional tariff than under the general tariff, which applies to importations from Australia.

UNITED FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' DISPENSARY.

UNVEILING MEMORIAL TABLET.

On Wednesday evening last Mr. T. Jessep, J.P., M.L.A., president of the Sydney U.F.S. Dispensary, performed the ceremony of unveiling a Past President's respect tablet, erected to the memory of the late president, Mr. G. C. Simpson, who died in January last during the currency of his term of office. A number of pioneers of the institution attended, including Mr. George Brown, Mr. J. Cantor, Mr. T. Gilmour, Mr. G. D. Simons, Mr. John E. West, and Mr. John Byrne; also Mr. H. Schlam, a Past President of the Melbourne U.F.S. Dispensary.

Mr. Jessep paid tribute to the sterling qualities possessed by the late president, Mr. Simpson, whose zeal and energy had earned for him the respect of all. Subsequently the president submitted the toast, "The Pioneers of the Institution."

In their responses Messrs. Brown, Cantor, Gilmour, and Symons all referred to the early struggles of the institution.

Mr. John E. West and Stanley L. Cole, Past Presidents, dwelt upon the vigorous policy of extension adopted by the different boards of management, with the result that the institution had now four different dispensaries, with a total membership of over 10,000 contributing members.

The tablet, which is erected at the head dispensary, 15 Macquarie-street South, is of Carrara marble, and was executed by R. Parkhill and Sons, of Waverley.

A MOTHER'S RECOMMENDATION.

Mrs. Mary Gray, Wagonga, N.S.W., writes: —"Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has a splendid reputation in this district, and I know of many cases where acute croup and bronchitis have been cured. I had been a sufferer from bronchial asthma for many years, and never found any treatment that would relieve me, until I commenced taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and that completely cured me. It has never failed to cure coughs or chest complaints among the members of my family. I always keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house, and would advise all mothers to do likewise." —Advt.

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DEATHS.

MEALE.—August 16, at his residence, 41 Amy-street, Erskineville, suddenly, Louis Meale, dearly beloved husband of Sarah Meale, aged 71.

IN MEMORIAM.

CARSON.—In loving memory of my dear husband, James Carson, who departed this life 17th August, 1903, at Kurow, New Zealand. Inserted by his loving wife and children. Gone but not forgotten.

CALLAGHAN.—A tribute of love to the memory of my dearly loved wife and our dear mother, Bridget Callaghan, who passed peacefully away August 17, 1905, at her residence, Market-street, city. "Never till life's end will we ever forget you." Inserted by her loving husband, J. Callaghan, and family.

CORFIELD.—In sad but loving memory of my dear wife, Hannah Corfield, who departed this life August 17, 1905, in her 61st year.

No one but the Great Physician
Can the broken-hearted bind.
Oh, may I in all my sadness
Everything in Jesus find.
If his loving arms have taken,
Taken what I held so dear,
Trust Him with my darling wife;
She is happier there than here.

Inserted by her sorrowing husband, Matthew Corfield, Belmont-street, Alexandria.

CORFIELD.—In sad but loving memory of our dear mother, Hannah Corfield, who departed this life August 17, 1905, in her 61st year.

We loved her in life, she is dear to us still,
But in grief we must bend to God's holy will.
Only those that have lost are able to tell
Of the pain at the heart in saying farewell.

Inserted by her loving son and daughter, William H. and Winifred Corfield, Wollongong-road, Arncliffe.

CORFIELD.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Hannah Corfield, who departed this life August 17, 1905, in her 61st year.

She is gone, but not forgotten,
Never shall her memory fade;
Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger
Round our darling mother's grave.

Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Edward George and Beatrice Corfield, Belmont-street, Alexandria.

CORFIELD.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Hannah Corfield, who departed this life August 17, 1905, in her 61st year.

We think of thee, dear mother,
And no one sees us weep,
But loving in our bosom
In silence thy memory keep.

Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, John and Fanny Corfield, Belmont-street, Alexandria.

ENRIGHT.—In loving memory of Patrick Enright, who died August 17, 1904, at Mortlake. Inserted by his loving wife and sons. R.I.P.

FITZPATRICK.—In sad but loving memory of our dearly beloved mother, Mary Ann Fitzpatrick, who departed this life August 17th, 1890, aged 40 years. Inserted by her loving children, William, John, Thomas, and Mary. R.I.P.

HOLLIDAY.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Arthur Phillip, who departed this life August 17th, 1903, aged 9 years and 10 months. Thy will be done. Inserted by his loving mother and father, sisters, and brothers.

JAMES.—In loving memory of our dear son, Harry James, who was mysteriously drowned at Bellinger Heads August 17, 1905. Inserted by his loving parents, H. and B. James. Loved by all who knew him.

We think of him at early morn,
We think of him at noon,
We did not think our dear son
Was going to die so soon.
No matter how we pray,
No matter how we call,
There is nothing left to answer
But his photo. on the wall.

JAMES.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Harry James, who was mysteriously drowned at Bellinger Heads, August 17, 1905. Inserted by his loving sisters, Lily, Norah, and Myra, and brother William.

LYONS.—In affectionate remembrance of William Lyons, who died August 17, 1904. R.I.P. Inserted by his fond parents, brothers, and sisters.

M'AULIFFE.—In sad but loving remembrance of my dear brother, Michael M'Auliffe, who departed this life August 17, 1905. Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Ellen and Frank O'Brien.

MOORE.—In loving remembrance of my dear mother, Louisa Jane Moore, who departed this life August 17, 1905; also my dear husband, who died 7th, 1891. Inserted by her loving daughter and wife, J. R. Hodgeman.

MOORE.—In fond remembrance of my dear mother, Louisa Jane Moore, who departed this life August 17, 1905. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Lilly and Charles Twyman.

WALLACE.—In loving memory of my dear husband and father, James Wallace, who departed this life August 17, 1900.

We know that life wears no longer than once for us it wore,
But a wife and family's love are unchanging evermore.

Inserted by his loving wife, Catherine, and children. R.I.P.

WILLIAMS.—In ever loving memory of "our auntie," Helenor Williams, who died August 17, 1905. Inserted by her loving sister Anna and nieces Eva and Elsie Springett. Dead, but not forgotten.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1906.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE.

The report of the Imperial Committee on Defence, and especially that portion of it which relates to Australian defence, is a document which cannot be ignored in any future consideration of this important problem. The subject is one of ever-growing importance to Australia. As we have had to point out frequently in the course of the discussion of this question, the conditions of the problem are continually changing. Twenty years ago we were isolated by distance from old-world competition, and the conflict of interests that might arise therefrom. To-day, as an eminent authority assured the world a year or two ago, the storm-centre and the field of trade rivalry have shifted to the Pacific. Four great naval Powers are strongly represented, both by effective ships and naval bases in its waters, where formerly the white ensign exercised acknowledged rule. It will be noticed that in the course of the Imperial Committee's report the statement is made, in referring to Australian defence, that the nearest foreign ports possessing qualifications of naval bases are over 4000 miles distant, and something is made of the fact as a deterrent to invasion. But the knowledge that Germany is establishing a great station at Simpsonhafen, in New Britain, that France is at home in New Caledonia, and the United States at Tutuila, while Japan is our nearest effective neighbour, inclines Australian public opinion to discount that argument. This is by the way. The groundwork of the report is far more satisfactory both as an argument and as a real factor in Australian defence, and we have it here set forth in a sentence in that part of the document which discusses the need for Australia adopting a deliberately defensive policy.

"Australia need not be expected to assume such a role," we are told here, "so long as she is a member of the Empire which is the strongest naval Power in the world, and which extends its naval protection not only to the homeland and the most distant part of the King's dominions beyond the seas, but also to all commerce sailing under the British flag." We do not need to be reminded that this is no empty boast. So long as Britain retains that mastery of the sea-power which has been hers by right of conquest and policy so long every part of the Empire will enjoy this security of adequate protection. It is unthinkable, for instance, that any Power should be able under existing conditions to send a fleet like that commanded by Admiral Rozhdestvensky half round the world to menace the Australian coasts. It would be cut to pieces by British ships, even if it were permitted to crawl from port to port on the way, crippled for want of stores and coal. Any attack we may have to fear, the report not unreasonably contends, so far as the immediate future is concerned, will be limited to raids carried out by single vessels or small squadrons which have temporarily evaded the mother-country's naval forces. But how long can we depend on these conditions continuing? Perhaps Australia realises more vividly than the authors of this report how rapidly conditions have changed and are changing, and how necessary it is that we should face the defence problem of the future in a spirit of self-help and self-reliance. The Commonwealth is feeling its own growth, and the instinct which moves nations and people to protect what is their own is strong within it, and will not be altogether denied. There is a strong party in the mother-country which not only recognises this but seeks to stimulate it by every argument it can bring to bear; but the object in the Defence Committee's report is to induce Australia to take up a more substantial share of England's financial burden incurred every year for naval defence—not of the homeland only, as the report says, but of the Empire and the commerce of every part of it afloat.

Here, of course, we are brought back to the old question, to which the Federal Legislature is always ready with its reply. It is simply not possible to get members to increase further the amount of our annual naval contribution for the maintenance of a fleet in these waters, or to undertake payment in addition towards the general upkeep of the Imperial Navy. There is a preference for a fleet of our own, Australian-bought or built and Australian-owned. It would cost an enormous sum of money, and if it were acquired gradually there is the risk that the earlier ships and armament would be out of date before the local fleet had attained to any formidable proportions. On the other hand it is asked why should we not do what countries like Denmark and Chili have done, to say nothing of Japan. The Imperial Committee's report appears to be directed in part to meet this line of reasoning. A constructional policy is not necessary, it says, "so long as the British naval strength is calculated and maintained on the basis of securing command of the sea as against all possible enemies and protecting the maritime communications of the Empire against disturbance." In another paragraph it is contended that while in the event of war the enemy would be compelled to reserve his armoured cruisers for more important strategical operations such as working with his battle fleets operating against British detached squadrons or protecting his own commerce, in any raiding operation he can only afford to use unarmoured cruisers or armed merchant auxiliaries. This only brings us back to the previous question. If we could depend on naval conditions remaining as they were ten or even five years ago, we might feel more assured. But Germany is building a great fleet, the United States seem bent on strengthening their sea-power, and France may do the same any year. It will always be true, no doubt, that Australia enjoys special advantage in having the dominant navy of Great Britain behind her, yet there is always a patriotic feeling in the background that she would like to do something for herself. It is a national instinct, and it would be sound policy to take it more completely into Imperial confidence and Admiralty calculations than has been the case hitherto. The adequate defence of any part of the Empire is a part of the system of Imperial defence of the whole.

COMMISSIONERS UNDER CONTROL.

The policy of the Government in respect to the Lands Department has yet to be properly explained. So far Mr. Ashton has made it clear that the Minister for Lands is to have power without much responsibility, or, at any rate, that he is to sit in judgment upon everything that the proposed Commissioners may recommend, and turn it down if he is dissatisfied. The work of a department which is already hopelessly entangled in a web of red tape and made doubly difficult by official dread of the politician, is to be carried on with an extension of its politically controlled machinery; and there is to be no guarantee whatever that the paralysis which has already done so much mischief in the settlement of the public lands of New South Wales will be relieved under the new-old order. The Commissioners are to have control of the department, no doubt, and their recommendations are not to be challenged except as the Minister reduces his objections to writing and submits them to Parliament. But in the last resort this will only mean that party politics may have to settle administrative problems; and whether or no, the difficulties and delays which may be obviated to-day by prompt and vigorous Ministerial initiative will take an aggravated form. It is perfectly true, of course, that in matters of high policy there must be Ministerial oversight and Governmental control. In this respect the administration of the Lands Department may be contrasted rather than compared with that of the Railway Department; and yet practically the need is the same in each. Given the broad lines of policy, which should be laid down by Parliament, and which ought to be made the Government's responsibility in that the Commissioners must be kept to them, the interference of the politician should be as much resented and prevented in one department as in the other. The results of the recent commission of inquiry have settled that point for good and all, and it is useless for Labour members to insist that there will be no more trouble. What the country wants to secure is such an able, independent, and strenuous control of the Lands Department as will not only preclude a lapse into evil ways, but will galvanise the whole service into such vigorous and fruitful life as is seen in a well-ordered business concern.

The present Government, unfortunately, seems to find it impossible to deal with these large questions of reform in anything but a parochial spirit. Hardly do we find signs of statesmanship. The evidence at present indicates that the Railway Department, for instance, is not likely to be given the master mind in charge for which the country has made demand. Certainly the bill which has just passed the Legislative Assembly promises little comfort in this respect, unless the Premier has the marvellous good fortune of being able to secure an expert from one of the great outside services for £3000 per annum. It will be strange news to learn that Mr. Carruthers hopes or expects anything of the sort. So of the proposed Lands Commission. The bill read a first time on Wednesday lays it down that nothing is to prevent the present Western Lands Commission from stepping into the larger sphere. There may be no real intention of such action, and yet from what we know of the Government's mind and methods this should appeal to Ministers as something like a stroke of genius. It would give, at least in plausible seeming, all that the country has been asking for without a great increase in expenditure; and the politician will still be on top. This does not, of course, cast any reflections upon the ability and zeal of the Western Lands Commissioners. They have done good work, and they deserve well of the country. But if a mighty task may conveniently be added to their existing duties, they must be now drawing large salaries for doing next to nothing. If they are fully occupied we fail to see why they should be mentioned in the measure. In any case the problem involved, in a radical reform of the Lands Department, is not to be solved in this way; and if Mr. Carruthers thinks that the country will be satisfied with any pettifogging rearrangements in the control of the two great services of the State he is preparing disaster for himself and his party when he goes to the elections.

THE SPIRIT DUTIES.

The effect of the two amendments adopted in the House of Representatives on the new spirit duties proposed by the Minister for Customs is to reduce the whole business to an absurdity. The House first rejected the increased duty, and then on Mr. Watson's motion made the two years' restriction on locally-distilled spirits applicable to imported spirits also. Traders were unable to swear as to this yesterday, and business at the Customs-house was paralysed until the Controller in Melbourne had the happy inspiration to throw on the local Collector the responsibility of deciding whose declaration should be taken or refused. The difference in duty payable may be stated as the difference between 14s and 40s. So that at present the Minister and his proposals stand condemned all round. If the object was to discriminate in favour of the local grape culture and brandy-making industries, it might have been thought that the game might be played in a way that would not unduly press upon the importers. But unless it was the intention of the Minister to mask the benefit to the local producer behind a pretence at increased import duties which will be abolished or retained at the whim of the Minister the importers would have to pay the piper. It is all very well to say that they would pass the added expense on to their trade customers and the public through the retailers, but the hotelkeepers think differently. Most of their business, they allege, is done by the sale of liquor at sixpence. That price will remain fixed whether the tax is raised or not.

That being so, the alternative would appear to be a decreased standard of quality in the spirits supplied. Some extremists may advocate this on temperance and preventive grounds; but there is not much in the argument, since people who want to drink will continue to do so whatever may be the quality of the goods purveyed. Should the quality be bad, all the ill-effects from liquor-drinking would be increased. There would be no benefit to anyone but the seller, who would be encouraged to palm off any kind of deleterious rubbish on his customers instead of the genuine article. It will not have escaped public attention that the Tariff Commission, which the Minister for Customs and other extreme protectionists are so ready to use for their own purposes when it suits them, has reported against higher duties on spirits, mainly because of their probable effect on the quality of spirits supplied and on the public health. Then it seems to be pretty well established that on revenue grounds the tendency will be rather towards decrease than increase under the proposed duties, and by way of illustration of this it has been mentioned that when Victoria tried a 15s duty on imported spirits the revenue loss in two years amounted to £333,817. The danger here evidently is that both the public and the Government would be defrauded by adulteration and other means of evasion of duty.

Saturday's "Herald."—On account of the large amount of advertising matter which has to be dealt with for Saturday's issue of the "Herald," advertisers and agents are requested to send in their advertisements as early as possible to-day, in order to facilitate classification.

The Savings Banks Conference.—The interstate representatives attending the Savings Banks Conference met again yesterday in the Executive Council-chamber at the Chief Secretary's Office. Mr. P. Williams (N.S.W.) occupied the chair. The whole of the day was devoted to the discussion of reciprocity between the States relative to the transfer moneys. It is desired that an agreement may be arrived at by which depositors may operate upon their accounts at any branch of the Government Savings Banks in the Commonwealth either for the purpose of making deposits or withdrawals. The question of the payments to be made to the Commonwealth for the use of post-offices for savings bank business has also to be discussed. When the conference has concluded its deliberations the recommendations will be sent to the Treasurers of each State, and as soon as the suggestions have been approved of new regulations will be framed to bring the whole of the savings banks in the different States into uniformity.

Tramway Inquiry Board.—Much of the evidence before the Tramway Inquiry Board yesterday upon the subjects of espionage and good-conduct holidays had reference to trivial matters. But the witnesses were able to show that these small things had a disheartening effect on the employees. One man said he was reported for dirty boots, another for reading a paper in the car at the terminus, another for sitting a moment or so while writing, and another for using saliva in drawing off tickets instead of moisture from a sponge. Others had petty charges to answer, and a general complaint with the witnesses was that they were not told at the time of the nature of the reports to be sent in against them. Conductor Dennis Guihen said the regulations overlapped one another. An employee, he explained, had several duties to perform at the one time, and could not conform to the very letter of the regulations. He knew that sins of omission had occurred in the eyes of his superior officers, who, knowing the circumstances, had overlooked them. Had the same omissions occurred, however, in the presence of an unknown special officer the employee would, he said, be reported, and in some way punished. He declared that he had never completed one day's service without infringing several of the regulations. Another witness said he never expected to do a trip on the Cook's River line without being reported, "as all the 'pimps' seemed to live out that way."

Judge Heydon and the Wharf Labourers' Union—According to a letter read at the meeting of the Sydney Labour Council last night, the members of the Sydney Wharf Labourers' Union are incensed at the attitude adopted by Judge Heydon towards the union when its case was before the Arbitration Court. It was stated by the secretary that he had been instructed by medium of a resolution carried at a general meeting to write to the council, and ask the co-operation of the unions affiliated with that body to join with them in a wholesale withdrawal from the jurisdiction of the Arbitration Court until the President's (Judge Heydon's) term of office expired either by effluxion of time or the extinction of the present Government and their policy of crushing trades unions and Labour organisations. The communication received but scanty attention from delegates, and the few who spoke on the question condemned the action of the union. It was pointed out by the speakers that the members of the various unions were qualified to express an opinion on the subject, but that they would be very foolish to throw away the substance for a shadow. It was unanimously decided to inform the union that the council could not accede to its request.

Adulteration of Food.—The Sydney Labour Council, at its meeting last evening, received a report from its executive to the effect that in Germany the contents of all packages containing food must be correctly described, and where there were more ingredients than one, they must be distinctly specified in type of the same size on the wrapper and label. Where attempts were made to mislead the purchaser by designs of factory or business premises, exaggerated in size and area, in order to convey an erroneous impression of the trade done, prosecutions entailing heavy penalties followed. The Labour party had intimated that upon the introduction of the Pure Foods Bill promised by the Premier, should there be an absence of provisions relating to accurate description of the contents of packages containing food, steps would be taken in the direction desired by the council, so that where practicable the original sellers of adulterated goods might be proceeded against.

A Plucky Young Australian.—The "Natal Mercury" in a recent issue records a gallant action on the part of Trooper Le Mesurier, a young Australian, whilst out with the Natal Mounted Rifles operating with Colonel Wools-Sampson's column against the native rebels. The troops were approaching the enemy's position near Mapumulo, and the report says:—"Half a mile in front a large impi was massed on the Umpumulana. The South Coast Junction and Bellair troops of the N.M.R., under Captain Rattray, were ordered to dismount and charge the hill with fixed bayonets, to try and draw the enemy. Trooper Le Mesurier volunteered to ride in advance of the troops as a bait, and reached the crest of the hill. The enemy charged at him, but on seeing the dismounted force and supports stopped short. A shower of assegais, however, fell around Le Mesurier, who then returned to the troop." The plucky young trooper is the only son of Lieutenant-Colonel Le Mesurier, Commonwealth Chief of Ordnance.

Oyster Leases.—Mr. Downes, M.L.A., introduced to the Premier yesterday a deputation of oyster lessees to ask that at least three members of a controlling board of 10 should be elected to represent the oyster lessees of the State. Mr. Farnell, chairman of the Fisheries Board, was in attendance. The deputation preferred several other requests with relation to the protection of lessees' interests. These matters, Mr. Farnell stated, had already been carried by resolutions passed by the Fisheries Board. The board had agreed to resolution asking the Chief Secretary that in any proposed amendment of the Fisheries Act provision should be made to protect oyster lessees from the depredations of oyster thieves, by inserting a clause which would impose upon any person in possession of oysters reasonably supposed to have been stolen the onus of proving that such oysters were legitimately obtained. The matter of the constitution of the board was, of course, one of policy that rested with the Government. Mr. Carruthers expressed himself in sympathy with the objects of the deputation, and he said that when the matters referred to came before him officially from the board he would do all that was possible to meet the requirements of the lessees.

Trades Unionists and Hospital Donations.—The Sydney Labour Council is desirous of being represented on the board of management of the various hospitals. It is contended that a large sum of money is subscribed annually by trades unionists, and that, therefore, their representatives should be included in the committee of management. The executive, which has had the matter under consideration for some time past, has recommended that all the affiliated unions should be written to for an expression of opinion as to the advisability of donations to hospitals being forwarded through the council. By that means it is believed the position of the council will be strengthened, and its desire more easily attained.

The Coolamon District.—Mr. W. S. Campbell, Director of Agriculture, has just returned from a visit to Coolamon, where he went to take part in the ceremonies connected with the annual ploughing match, an event of much local importance. Mr. Campbell says that the country is in splendid condition, and the outlook for a good season is excellent. Land has changed hands lately at very high prices, and he thinks that the Gobbagomblin and Marrar Estates, between Junee and Coolamon, which have been resumed for closer settlement, will be readily taken up. The district is one of the best wheat-growing areas in the State, with a satisfactory rainfall, and it is expected that a number of Victorian farmers will become settlers as soon as the land is made available.

The Belligen Hospital Trouble.—Yesterday the defendant in Slater v Raymond appealed to the Full Court for a new trial. The action was one brought by the former matron of the Bellingen Hospital to recover compensation for an assault, alleged to have been committed upon her by the defendant, who is president of the institution, in causing her to be ejected after she had refused to vacate the premises when requested to do so. The defence was that no more violence was used than was necessary to evict the plaintiff, who, however, contended that the process was carried out with an amount of energy which was excessive, and that one of her arms was extensively bruised. The jury awarded her £150 damages, and the defendant appealed, on the ground that the amount under the circumstances of the case was too large. The Full Court expressed the same opinion, and said that though the jury had found by their verdict that undue violence was used, there was nothing to show that plaintiff had been seriously injured, and therefore the finding was such as no reasonable men should have arrived at. A new trial was therefore ordered, but the Court suggested that an arrangement should be come to by the parties, in order to avoid further heavy litigation.

A Pony's Value.—The remarks of a deputation of ponyowners which interviewed Mr. Wade yesterday made it evident that, if the racehorse is a haughty aristocrat, his smaller brother is a true democrat. His value, it appears, depends solely on his performances, and while an Indian buyer would not give £1 for an untried son of the finest pony in the country, he will give anything up to £500 for a pony with a good record on the track. One good pony will maintain an entire family, and his capacity for earning a steady income makes him as valuable an adjunct as "the gintleman who pays the rent" is regarded in Ireland. One member of the deputation gave point to his remarks by stating that the best pony he ever had was given to him, because his former owner did not consider him worth the cost of his feed.

Pure Brandy.—At a meeting of the New South Wales Wine Association, held yesterday, it was resolved to enter a strong protest against the recognition as brandy of any mixture of spirits not distilled exclusively from grape wine. Telegrams to this effect were sent to the Prime Minister and to Mr. J. Cook and Mr. Watson, Ms.P.

Fisheries Board and Recent Complaints.—Some time ago the Fisheries Boards promised a deputation of fishermen that they would apply for a Royal Commission to inquire into complaints in regard to the supply and distribution of fish, the commission to consist of three of the board's members. The application was duly made to the Chief Secretary's Department, and, according to a communication read at the ordinary meeting of the finance committee of the City Council yesterday, the board was informed that Mr. Hogue did not consider a Royal Commission was at all warranted, and that in any case a Royal Commission composed of members of the Fisheries Board would be unjustifiable for obvious reasons.

Town Hall Organ Recitals.—Yesterday afternoon a communication was read from a New York firm desiring to arrange for a visit to Australia, about June of next year, of Dr. Clarence Eddy, a distinguished organist of that city. The proposal is that he should give a series of recitals on the Town Hall organ similar to those of Mr. Hollins and Mr. Lemare. After discussion, the matter was left in the hands of the town clerk to obtain further information for the guidance of the committee.

A New Motor.—An interesting trial of a new motor took place at Mr. James H. Fludder's sawmill, Bridge-street, Annandale, on Wednesday afternoon. The motor, which is the invention of Mr. J. E. Friend, an old Royal Navy engineer, is on the turbine principle, and experts who witnessed the trial regard it as so satisfactory that the success of the invention is considered assured. It is claimed that it gives more power for its size, weight, and piston area than has ever been attained. Mr. Friend has specially designed it for marine steam propulsion, where great speed is necessary, and for direct coupling to such as dynamos and locomotives, and for road traction. A feature of the motor is that it greatly reduces the peripheral velocities, thus avoiding the chief difficulties of what is technically known as "gearing down," and so greatly minimises the frictional losses due to the rotation of the body in low-pressure steam, and owing to the absence of all reciprocating parts, it can run a high speed without any vibration. There is no "dead centre," and no specially prepared foundation is needed. The motor is of remarkably simple construction, and has, it is claimed, a greater range of expansion than any other motor, while it can be reversed with the same efficiency as it can be started. The floor space taken up by this motor is 2ft by 2ft by 16in; its weight is 270lb, and it is of 15 b.h.p. A 100-horse power motor on the same principle is now being built.

An Eventful Voyage.—The locally-owned steamer South Australian, now on her way back to Sydney, has had an eventful cruise among the islands of the Fiji group. According to Suva files to hand by the steamer Navua, which arrived here yesterday, the South Australian was struck with lightning whilst at Rotuma on her last trip, which damaged the mast. A native of Futuna was drowned, having fallen overboard during the run from Futuna to Wallis at night, and the crew of the vessel were poisoned through eating an ikadumu at Rotuma, and were in consequence prostrated for several days. The steamer sailed for Sydney on the 30th ult. with a full load of copra.

The English Mail.—The Orient-Royal Mail Company's R.M.S. Oroya arrived at Fremantle at 6.10 last evening. She brings mails bearing the date of London, July 20, which should reach Sydney in time for delivery on Wednesday afternoon next.

Following on the visit of the tourist officer to the Cataract district, the Government Tourist Bureau has completed arrangements for visitors who wish to view the works now in course of construction. It will be possible to go either by way of Bulli or Campbelltown, and return, or by way of Bulli and the Pass, returning via Campbelltown, and so make a round trip.

At the Y.M.C.A. last night Mr. A. W. Jose delivered a lecture on "Finance and Commerce." The headings touched on by Mr. Jose were:—"The Place of Trade in Civilisation;" "The Conflict of Interests between Trade and Politics;" "The Conflict between Commercial and Ethical Requirements;" "The Distortion of the Individual;" and "Remedies and Alleviations."

The Chamber of Manufactures passed a resolution at its monthly meeting to the effect that the Premier be requested to take such action as would secure the official representation of the chamber upon the Board of Health.

"That Private Enterprise is a Constant Menace to Family Life," was the subject for debate at the Sydney School of Arts Debating Club last evening. A large majority declared in its favour.

We have received a copy of a pamphlet issued by the British Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, Ltd., containing a description of the electrification of the Metropolitan (London) railways.

In connection with the Horse Show a special service of trams will run to the Show Ground to-day, commencing at 10.38 a.m.

We have received additional subscriptions to the Lady Rawson fund, as follow:—A.E.S., 1s; S.L.R., 1s.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

IN FEDERAL SESSION.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTERS.)

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Prime Minister was again in charge of the proposed new excise duties to-day, and there were repeated complaints that the Minister for Customs was still absent. These new duties presuppose in those who consider them some technical or general knowledge of the trade, and the Opposition demand, therefore was that the Minister specially concerned with the description of taxation under consideration should be in his place to explain the Ministerial view of the questions. The Prime Minister tried to satisfy every section of the House. He was defeated yesterday on the proposal of his colleague to increase the import duty on spirits to 15s. That necessitated a readjustment of the excise duties, so as to harmonise with the ratio of protection the Tariff Commission desired to give as an encouragement for the distillation of pure brandy from grape wine, and a modicum of protection to brandy blended with molasses spirits. It was in endeavouring to satisfy all the particular interests concerned, the representatives of the sugar districts, as well as the members for essentially wine districts, that the Prime Minister experienced difficulty.

He proposed a new classification of spirits with separate duties for what were styled brandy, blended wine brandy, and blended grain brandy, respectively. Mr. Hutchison, a South Australian member, objected to the Government placing an inferior article in the same category as pure wine brandy, and indignantly asked when would the House receive the attention of Ministers. The Prime Minister had sat patiently for four hours giving close attention to every request, but he had left the chair temporarily with the Treasurer in charge. He promptly returned, however, and said he would modify the objectionable appellation blended grain brandy. To suit the young Labour member he would propose "blended spirits." But this policy of all-round compliance brought the Prime Minister into conflict with the chairman of the Tariff Commission, who stated that the Government was proposing absurd names, unknown to the trade, and without commercial significance; also that the Government was allowing the whole scheme elaborated by the commission to be frittered away. Mr. Deakin was pulled all round the chamber in his efforts to placate wine-growers and the sugar-growers, Labour members and the Opposition. The Attorney-General came to his assistance. He said that a condition of muddle and drift was being brought about, and stoutly resisted the process of rapid amendment. The new classification of brandies was with certain modifications agreed to, and the excise duties in uniformity with the customs reduction made on Wednesday are practically reduced a shilling on nearly every item.

Mr. Spence delivered an excellent electioneering address under cover of the Treasurer's Budget speech. Mr. Knox made a valuable contribution to the State debts question, but this subject excites little interest in the Chamber. The debate was adjourned.

Whilst the House of Representatives was discussing the duties on spirits the Senate was debating the bill to abolish the sale of liquor at military barracks. A majority of members of the Senate is not enamoured of this class of legislation. They believe that the abolition of canteens would produce greater evils than now exist. The Government, which wholeheartedly supported the bill in the House of Representatives, will approve of regulations by which the intoxicating liquors sold at canteens will be confined to wines. However, the further consideration of the bill has been postponed till next week. The remainder of the sitting was occupied with the Anti-Trust Bill. The Senate rose at 10.20.

BARRACK CANTEENS.

WHAT THE MEN DRINK.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

For the information of senators, who to-day had under consideration the bill passed by the House of Representatives to abolish the sale of liquor in military canteens, the Minister of Defence, Senator Playford, obtained some information as to the quantities of liquor consumed in barracks, and other particulars. Following are the figures for New South Wales:—Victoria Barracks, Sydney, 278 men, receipts from the sale of alcoholic drink during the last year £479; Middle Head, 31 men, receipts £155; South Head, 55 men, receipts £268; Bare Island, 7 men, receipts £42; George's Heights, 30 men, receipts £310. In the Victorian return there is a remarkable difference. In Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, there are set down against £820 for liquor 72 men; at Queenscliff, £495 for 91 men. It is explained, however, that there were at times in Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, and Sydney, a number of extra men who had the use of the canteen when parades, etc, were held, at which volunteers and militia attended. The consumption at Victoria Barracks, Brisbane, amounted to £291 for a nominal roll of 70 men. At Fort Large, South Australia, £70 for 23 men. At Albany, £370 for 30 men. At Thursday Island, £683 for 81 men.

The drink included beer, stout, and spirits. The consumption of beer was given as follows:—Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, 4202 gallons; Victoria Barracks, Sydney, 2607 gallons; Queenscliff, 3770 gallons; Victoria Barracks, Brisbane, 3200 gallons. Senator Playford announced that he intended by regulation to limit the liquor sold in canteens to beer and wine, on the system followed in England. In the meantime, however, the Canteen Abolition Bill has yet to meet the decision of the Senate. The debate to-day was adjourned for a week.

NATIONALISATION.

In the Senate to-day, on the motion of Senator Pearce, a bill was read the first time to provide for the alteration of section 51 of the Constitution to enable the Commonwealth to nationalise monopolies of production, manufacture, trade, and commerce. Senator Pearce, explaining the bill, said:—"The idea is to obtain power to take over such monopolies as the tobacco trust and cigar trust. It is held by some legal authorities that we have power to nationalise the shipping trust as being incidental to some of the other powers of the Constitution, but the Royal Commission on the tobacco industry submitted to the Attorney-General the question as to whether under the Constitution we have power to take over that particular monopoly, and he gave an emphatic opinion to the contrary. That commission recommended an alteration of the Constitution to enable nationalisation."

NEW GUINEA LEGISLATION.

Senator Stewart is moving for the election of non-official representatives to the Legislative Council in New Guinea on an adult suffrage basis, and with that object he introduced a bill in the Senate to-day, which was read the first time. It is proposed that members of the council shall hold office for six years, or such shorter period as may be determined, and shall be paid for each as may be prescribed by ordinance. In making an announcement that the Papua Act would be proclaimed on September 1 the Prime Minister, in the House of Representatives on Tuesday, gave the names of three non-official members who are to be appointed.

THE COPYRIGHT ACT.

It has been found necessary to again amend the Copyright Act, in order to remedy some minor defects in regard to artistry, no provision having been made for reciprocity with other countries. A bill, of which the Prime Minister gave notice in the House of Representatives to-day, will rectify this and one or two other small matters.

RECIPROCITY WITH NEW ZEALAND.

Arrangements are stated to be practically complete for reciprocal trade with New Zealand, negotiations having been carried on by the Prime Minister with Sir Joseph Ward. Details of the preference are to be submitted to the New Zealand and Federal Legislatures simultaneously.

FEDERAL CAPITAL SITES.

Federal members who are visiting the Federal capital sites this week leave Melbourne to-morrow (Friday) at 1.30 p.m. by special train. Mr. Groom, Minister of Home Affairs, said to-night that a telegram had been received from Mr. Carruthers stating that those members who had not been able to visit Canberra last week would be able to do so on Monday. It is presumed that it will be optional with them whether they go to Canberra or Lake George.

IN PARLIAMENT.

The third reading of the Lotteries Bill was not pressed on by Mr. Hughes in the Legislative Council last night. He was earnestly requested by Mr. Flowers to postpone the order of the day for a week, so that the grievances of "any vested interest" might be brought before the House. This appeal was supported by Mr. Dangar, who said he thought the House hardly realised the serious change contemplated by the bill. The Vice-President of the Executive Council, while deprecating a suggestion which had been thrown out that the measure had been in any way unduly hurried on, said he had no wish to rush the third reading through, and the postponement was agreed to. Much of the time over which the sitting extended was taken up by the resumed discussion on Mr. Hawken's resolutions regarding recreation grounds in Public schools and the propriety of retaining the system of pupil teachers. He was the only member who voted for the resolutions. The Railway Commissioners Bill was received from the Assembly.

The Legislative Assembly lent itself to the discussion of two main topics which had nothing in common—crimping of sailors and free education. From time to time the public had had served up to them instances of crimping at Newcastle, but from all appearances the publicity afforded has not stayed the evil. With a humanitarian consideration for poor Jack, therefore, no less than out of solicitude for our public reputation, Mr. Sullivan moved the adjournment of the House so as to bring the subject prominently before the public. His story, if it were not exaggerated, was sufficiently startling to force good results, and its accuracy in certain respects was affirmed by a subsequent statement from the Premier that the British authorities had protested against the practices prevailing in Sydney and Newcastle. Mr. Sullivan told a narrative of a widespread scheme for ensnaring sailor men, robbing them of their due wages, trafficking in advance notes and discharges, shanghaing and crimping that might well be calculated to alarm the ghost of Captain Marryatt. He said 75 per cent. of the boarding-houses and many of the hotels in Newcastle were crimping dens. Masters of ocean-going vessels—none of his allegations referred to coasting vessels—were in league with agents ashore to induce sailors to desert so as to share in the forfeited wages. New crews were impressed, and included men who had never before been to sea. The Premier admitted that gross abuses prevailed, and that the Imperial Government had communicated with him, but this Government was at the present moment engaged in working out a scheme of relief, the details of which it would be injudicious at this stage to give. Mr. Sullivan's statements received a fairly general corroboration from all sides of the House, and the mover of the motion expressed himself as grateful for the assurance of the Premier.

The Free Education Bill was endorsed from all sections of the Chamber, and although a great deal of eloquence was devoted to it, it was never in doubt that the House would readily pass the measure. Mr. O'Conor, who sponsored it, dwelt in general terms on the necessity of the freest of education if this country was to keep pace with modern civilisation. Then, taking a flight into statistics, he showed that out of 238,000 children on the rolls, about 40,000 paid fees. Different Governments had long recognised the wisdom of abolishing school fees, but the exigencies of finance were against the realisation of the ideal until now. The remission of the fees would increase the cost of education from 10s 3d to 11s 3d per head. Fears being expressed by members that the remission would be made up by extra charges for materials, the Minister gave an assurance to the contrary. A discordant note was sounded by Mr. Briner, who, as an ex-school teacher, declared that the small fees were no burden, and the loss of those fees would mean partial starving of country schools. The carrying of the second reading of the bill was greeted with cheers. The House rose at 10.55 p.m.

PERSONAL.

VICE-REGAL.

Lady Talbot, attended by Captain Crichton, A.D.C., arrived at Cranbrook yesterday, and will be the guest of his Excellency and Miss Rawson for a few days.

Miss Rawson, accompanied by Lady Talbot, visited the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital yesterday afternoon.

Last evening his Excellency the Governor and Miss Rawson gave a dinner party at Cranbrook, Rose Bay. The following were present:—His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Wilmot Fawkes and Lady Fawkes, Commander W. M. Ellerton, R.N., the Misses Dangar, Mr. G. Miller, R.N., Captain Crichton, A.D.C., and his Excellency's staff.

Petitions are being signed throughout the Gippsland diocese requesting Bishop Pain to decline the bishopric of Bendigo.

Mr. David Ballantyne, Treasurer of New Guinea, was a passenger from Liverpool by the White Star liner Suevic, which arrived at Adelaide on Wednesday. He has been enjoying 12 months' leave in the United Kingdom after 16 years' continuous service in New Guinea. Mr. Ballantyne disembarked at Adelaide with the intention of coming overland to Sydney.

The funeral of the Rev. Dr. Stirton yesterday morning at Inverell was very largely attended. The actual cause of death was paralysis. The rev. gentleman had been hale and hearty until stricken down.

An old officer of the Post and Telegraph Department in Mr. G. S. Lisle, third son of the Rev. W. Lisle, of Kelso, passed away at his residence, Denison-road, Waverley, on the 13th inst.

Captain James William Robinson, a nautical notability of Hobart, and descendant of one of the oldest Puritan families of Massachusetts, died at Hobart yesterday. He was one of the original owners of the ill-starred Anchor tin mine, and therein lost a fortune.

Senior-sergeant Spence, an officer of the Water Police Court, who has recently been promoted from Public Prosecutor to sub-inspector, received the congratulations of the Bench and members of the legal profession yesterday on his appointment. Mr. Macfarlane, S.M., presiding at the Water Police Court, in speaking on behalf of his colleagues and himself, said that during 10 years in which Sub-inspector Spence had been under his close observation he had remarked the careful and unobtrusive manner in which the promoted officer had performed his at times difficult duties. Mr. Macfarlane trusted that Sub-inspector Spence would merit and receive further advancement, and that he would continue to be an example to the younger members of the force. Messrs. Carter Smith and Moss spoke on behalf of the legal profession.

A DETERMINED WOMAN.

WILL DROWN BEFORE SHE SURRENDERS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Mrs. Cleary, whose house is within the Waranga basin, declares that she will drown before she leaves her house. Water was turned into the basin last Saturday, and is now in the front rooms of her house. "If things go much further," said she, "some one will be responsible for murder." Local opinion is that she is entitled to compensation.

MEETING OF MONARCHS.

KING EDWARD AND EMPEROR WILLIAM.

GREAT OVATIONS.

LONDON, Aug. 15.

King Edward on arrival at Cronberg, Prussia, was met by the German Emperor.

Aug. 16.

Herr von Tschirschky (German Minister for Foreign Affairs), Sir Charles Hardinge (British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs), the Duke and Duchess of Sparta (brother-in-law and sister of the Emperor), and the Grand Duchess George Michallovitch (sister of the Duke of Sparta), are among the guests at Cronberg.

The meeting of the King and the German Emperor was most pleasant and cordial. They received great ovations from the people.

Their Majesties are visiting places of interest, including Homburg.

SATISFACTION IN GERMANY.

NO POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Times" states that the meeting of the King and the German Emperor has occasioned general satisfaction in Germany, and the impulse of the moment is probably genuine.

The "North German Gazette," in welcoming King Edward, dissociated itself from attempts to invest the meeting of the monarchs with a political character.

A "RICH WIDOW" AND HER VICTIMS.

A SYNDICATE OF LOVE.

LONDON, Aug. 15.

The police of New York are investigating the case of Mrs. Lena Verrault, alias Hamilton, who is charged with having obtained loans of large sums of money from middle-aged and elderly gentlemen, whom she professed she was willing to marry.

Mrs. Verrault was the central figure of a "Syndicate of Love" which represented that she was a rich widow.

One of her victims advanced her £50,000.

GREAT BRITAIN AND EGYPT.

WHAT GERMANY WOULD LIKE.

LONDON, Aug. 15.

Following the lead of the "Deutsche Revue," which criticised the proposals of Lord Cromer for judicial and other reforms in Egypt, German newspapers are fostering the idea, notwithstanding the denial recently given by Sir Edward Grey, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that Great Britain wishes to annex Egypt. The newspapers hint that Germany would acquiesce in this being done if she received compensation in connection with the Baghdad railway.

THE CHURCH IN FRANCE.

MODUS VIVENDI EXPECTED.

LONDON, Aug. 16.

Moderates in France anticipate that ultimately a modus vivendi with the Church will be arranged.

DEFALCATIONS ON THE SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

LONDON, Aug. 15.

The report of an official inquiry into defalcations on the Siberian railway during the Russo-Japanese war shows that the contents of 1000 waggons disappeared, and the State was defrauded of £750,000 at one station alone.

NO ENGLISH CRICKET TEAM.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

LONDON, Aug. 15.

It is officially announced that the committee of the Marylebone Cricket Club has decided not to send a team to Australia this year.

ARCTIC AIRSHIP.

EXPEDITION POSTPONED.

LONDON, Aug. 16.

Private advices received from Spitzbergen show that Mr. Walter Wellman, who intended to attempt to reach the North Pole by airship, has, owing to the lateness of the season, abandoned the voyage for this year.

CHICAGO'S LOSS.

JEWISH MEAT TRADE FOR LONDON.

LONDON, Aug. 16.

The "Standard" states that owing to the revelations regarding the treatment of canned meat at Chicago a London firm of Jewish kosher butchers and canners has received from New York urgent orders for tinned goods.

BY-ELECTION.

LONDON, Aug. 15.

At the election for East Denbighshire to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by Mr. S. Moss (Liberal) having been appointed a Judge, Mr. E. G. Hemmerde (Liberal) was elected by a large majority.

At the general election Mr. Moss (L.) was returned unopposed.

TASMANIA.

COMMERCE ACT REGULATIONS.

HOBART, Thursday.

The Chamber of Commerce held a special meeting yesterday and strongly protested against the regulations under the Commonwealth Act in regard to the fruit export trade. A committee was appointed to draft a petition to the Federal Government against the regulations.

TO-DAY.

Royal Horse Parade, Show, and Sales: Agricultural Grounds, 10 a.m.
Coursing: Kensington Racecourse.
"Lands Scandal" Demonstration: Balmain Town Hall, 8 p.m.
Labour Demonstration: Leichhardt Town Hall, 8 p.m.
Thistle Club Social: Protestant Hall, 8 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: "Jo," 8 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "Dorothy Vernon," 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "In London Town," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 8 p.m.
Cyclorama: "Battle of Gettysburg," Illusions, Cinematograph, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The last two nights.
Clay's Vaudeville Co.: Masonic Hall, North Sydney, 8 p.m.
Queen's Hall: Fisk Jubilee Singers, 8 p.m.
Bohemian Dramatic Company: Hay-street, 8 p.m.
The Athenæum: Vaudeville, 8 p.m.
Zoological Gardens: 10 a.m.
Rosebery Park Races: First event, 2.15 p.m.
R.A.A. Band: Centennial Park, 3 p.m.

TERRORISM IN POLAND.

WAR WITH BOMBS.

POLICE AND MILITARY MURDERED.

INDISCRIMINATE REVENGE.

LONDON, Aug. 16.

Severe conflicts between the police and revolutionists have taken place at Warsaw.

Two bombs which were thrown into the Chlodna-street Police Station wounded two policemen and an infantryman. An infantry patrol, hearing the explosion, hastened to the scene, and fired volleys in the streets, wounding 20 people.

A later message from Warsaw states that revolutionists organised wholesale shootings of the police, and killed 17 policemen, four gendarmes, and seven infantrymen. Seventeen policemen and soldiers were wounded. Soldiers, volleying in reply to the onslaught of the revolutionists, killed 15 people, and wounded 130 with bullets and bayonets.

LODZ POLICE STATION WRECKED.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED.

Three bombs were thrown into a police station at Lodz, Poland, and their explosion wrecked the building. A policeman, a Cossack, and three infantrymen were killed.

Infantry occupied the streets adjoining the police station, and made 100 arrests. Later infantry patrols fired volleys in all directions in four streets, killing two people and wounding 21 severely. Many people were slightly wounded.

Traffic was suspended, and the shops closed.

A policeman was murdered during the evening.

POLICE OFFICIALS ASSASSINATED.

Revolutionists at Wlockawek shot and killed the chief of police and the chief of the rural police. The assassins escaped.

COSSACKS ARRESTED.

Cossacks at Tiflis, Transcaucasia, refused to perform police duty. A number were arrested.

BALKANS RACIAL WAR.

BULGARS ACCUSE GREEKS.

LONDON, Aug. 16.

Greece complains that Bulgaria received timely warnings that the recent outbreaks at Anchialos and Rustchuk were likely to occur, but ignored the warnings.

Advices from Sofia state that the outbreak at Anchialos was due to Greeks forcibly trying to disperse a meeting of Bulgarian peasants, not as the Greeks represented, to Bulgarian rioters from Burgos pillaging Greek shops.

Rigorous measures have been taken to prevent fresh trouble.

The Greek Metropolitan at Anchialos, who it was reported was burned to death during the disturbance, has been found alive, hidden in a cottage.

OVERDUE BEN VRACKIE.

ARRIVAL OFF CAPE OTWAY.

LONDON, Aug. 16.

Fifteen guineas per cent. has been paid for the reinsurance of the steamer Ben Vrackie, which left Capetown on July 11 for Cape Otway for orders. Little anxiety is manifested regarding her safety. It is suggested that she has broken her shaft.

The Ben Vrackie will receive a message at Port Otway, ordering her on to Newcastle, where she loads coal for the East.

SIGHTED ON THURSDAY EVENING.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The steamer Ben Vrackie, concerning which some uneasiness has been felt, was sighted off Cape Otway this evening.

FREE SELF-GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, Aug. 16.

Mr. Elihu Root, United States Secretary of State, speaking at Buenos Ayres, described Argentina as justifying America's faith in free self-government.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

ENGLISH BIRTH-RATE.

LONDON, Aug. 15.

The birth-rate in England and Wales for the quarter ended June 30 was equal to 27.5 annually per 1000, being the lowest on record.

GLASGOW HOLIDAY-MAKERS DROWNED.

By the capsizing of a boat at Buckie five Glasgow holiday-makers were drowned.

ATTEMPTING THE CHANNEL.

Cattaneo, the Italian champion swimmer, abandoned his attempt to swim the Channel after he had been in the water for seven hours.

EX-LORD MAYOR BANKRUPT.

Sir Horatio D. Davies, who was Lord Mayor of London in 1897-98, has become bankrupt.

DUTCH CONSULATE AT JOHANNESBURG.

The Dutch Government has withdrawn the bill for establishing a consulate at Johannesburg.

[The Dutch Government originally decided to fix the consulate at Johannesburg, as it was feared that Pretoria might become a centre of political intrigue with the Afrikander party. The idea after some time was abandoned, and the consulate was fixed at Pretoria. As Johannesburg is the business centre probably the Dutch Government thought it would be well to have a consulate there.]

NATAL'S CRITICAL PERIOD.

LONDON, Aug. 16.

Colonel M'Kenzie, lately commanding the Natal troops in the operations against the rebels, in the course of a speech at a banquet at Howick, said that Natal had traversed a critical time. A single reverse would have meant a general rising throughout the colony.

The chief Sikikuku has been convicted at Pietermaritzburg of treason.

THE ENGLISH HOP CROP.

LONDON, Aug. 15.

The prospects of the hop crop are very bad, owing to a dry summer having been experienced and the bines suffering from blight.

The London "Times" of July 7 states:—"Hop prices remain nominally unaltered, holders being unwilling to name a quotation, owing to the extremely unfavourable reports from the gardens, both in this country and on the Continent, but the tone of the market remains very strong, and in the event of the crop proving as short as it is at present expected, very high prices are likely to be realised."

THE ADELAIDE TRAGEDY.

STORY OF THE CRIME.

EVIDENCE AT THE INQUEST.

SHOCKING DEATH OF THE WOMAN.

ACCUSED COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The Acting Coroner, Mr. G. H. Ayliffe, held an inquest to-day on the body of Edith Ellen Mary Notalie Habiboola, the victim of the Bristol-street tragedy. Notalie Habiboola, her husband, was present in custody, and handcuffed. Mr. A. C. Thomas represented the police, and Mr. A. J. Foster and Mr. B. Hardy appeared for the Indian, who is accused of the murder of his wife.

William James Manson, railway employee, stationed at Cockburn, identified the body of the deceased as that of his sister. She was married to the accused, and resided at Bristol-street. Witness saw her last at a quarter to 7 on Sunday evening, driving in her husband's sulky in O'Connell-street. She was accompanied by another sister and May M'Namara and her sister. Notalie was at his mother's house that afternoon. He had tea with them, and said his wife was driving, and was coming out, so they were waiting tea for her. When witness left home at half-past 6 his sister had not arrived. He returned home at about 10 o'clock, and later on Benjamin Young brought Notalie's trap to the door. He said he saw a pony bolt along King William-road, and capsize the vehicle. He found some mats in the bottom of the trap. They were smothered in blood, as was also an old soft shirt. Accompanied by a younger sister, he drove the pony into the police station, and went to the house in Bristol-street with Constable Kennedy. The door was opened by May M'Namara. He went into the back yard, and saw a big pool of blood. He returned to the watchhouse at about 11.30, and soon afterwards saw Notalie there. The latter said his sister might be at Sheare Mahommed's house. Witness went back to Bristol-street, and found some clothes under the bed. He recognised the hat, skirt, and jacket as those worn by his sister during the early part of the evening.

Mrs. Manson, mother of the deceased, said her daughter was married to Notalie on April 28 last. Shortly afterwards they went to Broken Hill, and on returning to Adelaide stayed with her for three or four weeks. They were then on good terms. Notalie next visited Hergott Springs without his wife, and on returning on a Saturday found she had gone away. He thought she had proceeded to Port Augusta, and said that he would go and shoot her, and cut his own throat. Witness remonstrated, saying that perhaps his wife had not gone to Port Augusta, and he replied: "Well, I will wait and see." She was written to and asked to return to her husband, but no reply was received. Notalie still held the belief that his wife was with Shear Mohammed at Port Augusta, and a telegram was sent to her. A reply was received to the effect that she would not return. Notalie again threatened to shoot her, and cut his own throat. Eventually her daughter returned to Tynte-street, North Adelaide, in July, and the two lived peacefully again. On Sunday last Notalie called at Tynte-street, and asked, "Has Nellie been here?" He stated that she was driving out with May M'Namara and her sister. He remained to tea, and said that he would make a big row when his wife appeared. Her daughter was to have been married to Shear Mahommed, but witness had not heard Notalie express jealousy. She last saw her daughter alive on Saturday, but she did not complain of her husband's treatment. She once said to witness, "You don't know what I have to put up with," meaning her husband, and witness replied, "You should never have married the man, I didn't want you to."

May MacNamara, who had been living with Notalie and his wife for 10 days as the wife's companion, stated that the three dined together on Sunday, after which Mrs. Notalie suggested a drive. The man said, "Yes, I'll go too—over to North Adelaide." After they had dressed for going out, the witness's sister arrived, and was invited to accompany them. Notalie said he would go to North Adelaide in the tram, and witness and the other two drove to Henley Beach. On returning they met Ethel Manson, and deceased asked, "Is he home?" meaning her husband. Ethel answered in the affirmative, and Mrs. Notalie asked, "Is he cross?" to which she received the reply, "No, I don't think so." They then went home to Bristol-street. Deceased wore the hat, dress, boa, tan shoes, and stockings produced while they were out driving, and only removed her hat when they got home. Notalie returned at 10 minutes to 8. Witness said, "Have you had tea?" and he did not answer. Deceased said, "That's a nice way to treat anybody when you come home. Have you had tea?" He replied then in the affirmative. He told witness that her boy was at the corner of the street waiting for her. Notalie asked his wife why she did not go to her mother's place to tea, and she replied that it was too late. When she heard it strike 8 witness bade them good-night and left. She returned at a quarter-past 10, and found the doors of the house locked, so she entered through the front window. The door of Mr. and Mrs. Notalie's bedroom was closed. A moment later William and Maud Manson and a policeman arrived in Notalie's trap. On Sunday afternoon there was a bag near the kitchen door, and two others on the fence. She identified those produced. When she got home at night she missed the bag near the kitchen door. She recognised the bloodstained shirt produced as the one that Notalie wore on Sunday. She also identified the other clothes produced, including a collar showing a blood mark. She recognised the table knife exhibited as belonging to the household. The purse, ring, and bangles produced had belonged to Mrs. Notalie, who wore the ring and bangles on Sunday evening when witness left the house. Prisoner had a different shirt on when she saw him in the police yard late on Sunday night. She never heard him use threatening language towards his wife. When he came into the police yard witness said, "Where's the missus?" and he replied, "I left her at home."

R. D. Manson, tram conductor, said that at 9.40 on Sunday night he saw Notalie drive his sulky down King William-road towards the city bridge. The man crossed the bridge, and ran into the park alongside the river.

An ostler at Willis's bazaar stated that Notalie took his pony and trap from the stables at 10.30 on Sunday morning. After going to bed that night, witness was roused by Notalie, who said the pony had bolted from the bridge.

Evidence by Dr. Lynch showed that each leg of the body had been bent up on the thigh and lashed with a rope. He found blood in the back yard of the house in Bristol-street, splashes 7ft away, and stains on an axe, a knife, the tap, and the knob of the kitchen door. A piece of bone produced he found in the pool of blood in the yard. It was a portion of the right side of a human pelvis, and corresponded to the missing gap in the right side of the body of the deceased. All the male garments produced bore bloodstains. There were no signs of any struggle in the house, and no bloodstains on the female clothing shown to him. There were two distinct marks from the verandah to the pool of blood of something having been dragged. The second portion of the remains he had examined was contained in sugar sacks lashed with rope. There were bruises on one of the cheeks and on the neck, a large bruise under the right side of the jaw, another on the chin, and one in the righthand side of the mouth, while marks of three teeth appeared on the corresponding side of the tongue. The bone at the base of the tongue was broken, accompanied by a good deal of bruising. There was an extensive hemorrhage at the base of the brain on the left side, and other injuries to the head, including an old identation of the skull on the right side. The two lower extremities had been divided with a sharp instrument, and the backbone had been divided through the last segment. The woman was in a certain condition. In the centre of the pool of blood in the yard there were several indentations, into which the American axe fitted exactly. Without a serum test, which could not be completed for several days, he could not say whether the blood was human. Witness was of opinion that whatever was done to the deceased in the yard she was not dead when she first got there. The marks on the neck were sufficient evidence that attempts at strangulation were made, but post-mortem appearances were not complete enough to show that death was due to strangulation alone. From the quantity of blood and the general scene in the yard, he thought that she died there.

When arrested and charged, Natalie said: "Me kill my wife! If I kill my wife, why you not find her?" A widow who lived next door to Natalie said that on Sunday night, at about 8.45, she heard a woman's scream coming from Natalie's kitchen, but as she heard no more she paid no further attention to it. A witness saw accused leading a pony in a sulky away about 9.45.

The jury, after ten minutes' retirement, returned a verdict of wilful murder, and Natalie, who did not make a statement, was committed for trial.

FEDERAL POLITICS.

ALLEGED USE OF PARTY FUNDS.

A LABOUR MEMBER'S COMPLAINT.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the House of Representatives to-day,

Mr. WEBSTER (N.S.W.) said that members of the Opposition during the passage of the Arbitration Act had cried out against the use of union funds for election purposes. Large sums of money had been contributed by the shipping trust, and other bodies to a fund which was being carefully shepherded by members of Parliament. These members were going round the country with their wives at the expense of the fund trying to wrest power from the Government. It was a scandalous thing.

Mr. JOSEPH COOK: Yours is a scandalous statement!

Mr. WEBSTER said it was scandalous that leaders of a party should be in the country utilising a large sum of money for the purpose of injuring other members, who were attending to their duties.

Mr. JOSEPH COOK: That is a libel.

Mr. DUGALD THOMSON (N.S.W.) said he was the treasurer of one organisation, and, as far as it was concerned, could say that the statement was absolutely incorrect.

Mr. WEBSTER: How many organisations are there?

Mr. DUGALD THOMSON: Many thousands of pounds were contributed from all over Australia by supporters of the party to which Mr. Webster belonged. He might easily say that that party was spending more than any other.

Mr. WEBSTER: But it would not be true.

Mr. DUGALD THOMSON: It would be far truer than anything Mr. Webster had said.

Mr. KELLY (N.S.W.) said that he had been treasurer of the Australian Liberal League, and could say that the statement was absolutely incorrect.

The matter then dropepd.

THE ELECTIONS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Minister of Home Affairs, Mr. Groom, in the House of Representatives to-day, gave notice of his intention to bring in a bill to provide for the introduction of contingent voting at the forthcoming general elections.

Mr. Groom also gave notice of a bill which has been found necessary for the purpose of validating the electoral boundaries of New South Wales. Objections to the redivision have to be forwarded in writing. On the occasion of the last redistribution some of the representations in regard to boundaries were made verbally, and effect was in some cases given to them. To ensure validation this bill is necessary. It is a short measure of two clauses.

It has been urged recently in the Federal Parliament that an alteration of the Constitution should be made to allow elections for the House of Representatives and the Senate to be held together in March or April, instead of on some date before the end of December. On looking into the matter it has been found that there will be no occasion for any action in regard to the House of Representatives, though it will be required in connection with the Senate. Under the Constitution the life of the House of Representatives dates from the first meeting after Parliament comes together in February or March next. In accordance with the terms of the Electoral Act, it will be able to remain in existence until February or March, 1910, and the elections can then be held in March or April. The two previous Houses of Representatives were not allowed to live their full period, but have been dissolved some two or three months earlier. Senator Keating (hon. Minister) gave notice in the Senate to-day of his intention to bring in a bill to provide for an alteration of the Constitution in regard to Senate elections, so that instead of the term of senators ending in future on December 31, it will extend to June 31. It will thus be possible to htld elections for both Houses together, though there will be a difficulty to be overcome in the event of the House of Representatives being dissolved prematurely.

At to-day's meeting of the Chamber of Agriculture a letter was received from the Prime Minister stating that he was arranging to have the Federal elections as early this year as possible.

HUNTER.

KURRI KURRI, Thursday.

At a meeting of the Labour League, it was decided to hold a monster demonstration here on pay Saturday, September 1. Delegates of branches of the league will also on that day meet to select a candidate, who will be officially introduced to the electors as the Labour candidate for the Hunter.

DARLING.

NARROMINE, Wednesday.

Mr. Stace Lloyd addressed a meeting today, and a branch of the Australian Democratic Union was formed, with Mr. R. Griffiths as president, and Mr. F. Williams as secretary. Mr. Griffiths was appointed a delegate to attend the convention at Dubbo to select a candidate to contest the Darling electorate.

GWYDIR.

MOREE, Thursday.

At a meeting of the Boomi Farmers and Settlers' Association on the 11th inst a resolution previously adopted—"That the branch is against the principle of the Farmers and Settlers' Association taking any active part in politics, or soliciting members' support of a candidate"—was rescinded. It is likely that very great interest will be taken in forthcoming elections now that the socialistic plank of nationalising land and its industries is likely to be carried into effect if the present Labour member is returned. The selection of Mr. T. A. Cunninghame in the anti-socialistic interest is generally approved by the small settlers, who on former occasions supported Labour against what they considered were capitalistic (if not monopolistic) combinations. It is thought that Mr. Cunninghame will receive great assistance from local committees in his campaign, as for the first time there has been unanimity amongst the anti-Labour factions. It is also well known that the full strength of the Labourites would not poll 30 per cent. of the votes if the other side could be induced to go to the ballot-box. It is thought here that other branches of the Farmers and Settlers' Association in the Gwyder electorate will adopt the stand taken at Boomi, and a vigorous and well-organised campaign will be entered into.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FARMERS ACTIVE.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

At an emergency meeting of the council of the Farmers and Producers' Union of South Australia last night a platform policy for the coming Federal elections was approved for submission to the branches. The unions in each electorate for the House of Representatives will select their own candidates. It was decided to nominate Sir Josiah Symon and the Hons. R. W. Foster and D. M. Charleston for the Senate seats in this State. Three delegates were also appointed to attend the Sydney conference to formulate a Commonwealth policy for the coming Federal election. The delegates leave Adelaide to-morrow.

NO. 10 ELECTORATE.

Mr. E. K. Bowden, a candidate for the No. 10 Federal electorate seat, addressed a meeting of the electors at the Granville Town Hall on Wednesday evening, the Mayor, Alderman Townsend, presiding. Mr. Bowden announced himself as an anti-socialist candidate, and at some length criticised the socialist programme, describing it as unworkable. While admitting that there were many evils in the industrial system, he contended that the remedy put forward by socialists would not improve them. In the matter of co-operation society would develop by more natural means. At the conclusion of the address the speaker was accorded a vote of thanks.

A CLERGYMAN REPRIMANDED.

ACTION BY SYNOD.

REFUSES TO WITHDRAW CHARGES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

At Wangaratta Anglican Synod last night the Rev. E. H. Scott, of Alexandra, was severely reprimanded and silenced for declining to withdraw or apologise for certain statements made concerning the Bishop and council of the diocese in letters to the "Age." These letters had referance to a money matter, and alleged that certain funds from the Melbourne diocese were diverted to other purposes than those for which they were intended. At Tuesday's sitting a motion was carried condemnatory of the charges, and last night as a corollary to it Mr. Scott's suspension was moved. Mr. Scott declined to withdraw or apologise, and the Bishop, addressing him, said, in the opinion of the council and of the synod, Mr. Scott had been guilty of conduct unworthy of a clergyman.

VICTORIA.

QUESTION OF SWEATING.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

On recent Saturday nights rather sensational statements respecting long hours of work for little pay have been made to the organising committee of the Trades Hall Council. A special meeting of the manufacturers' section of the Victorian Employers' Association has passed a resolution stigmatising these statements as an insult to the employers of the State, propagated with a view to political ends, and prejudicing the mind of the public. It challenges detractors to submit the question to the Parliamentary Committee whether any of the firms employing the large bulk of the employees in the city are sweaters.

VACANCY IN THE MINISTRY.

Mr. Bent, asked to-night whether anything had been done with regard to allotting Mr. Mackey a portfolio in the State Ministry, said: "Nothing will be done until to-morrow, and then everything will be arranged." The expectation is that if Mr. Mackey does not go to the Lands Office he will succeed Sir S. Gillott as Chief Secretary, and that Sir S. Gillott will either go to the Lands or Works Department. In the latter event Mr. Cameron will go to the Lands Department. Probabilities, however, point to Mr. Mackey taking the Lands Department.

CASE OF KAISER V KAISER.

No evidence was heard in the Kaiser v Kaiser alimony case to-day. There was a short discussion between Mr. Justice Cussen and counsel as to whether a Judge had power to alter the alimony order, and then the case was adjourned to allow the parties to confer. It was mentioned again this afternoon, and then a statement was made that the parties had agreed as to what should be done, the case to be adjourned till Tuesday next to arrange the details. Mr. Justice Cussen concurred in this. It was also mentioned that Kaiser entirely denied the story of Ashton, and that Mrs. Kaiser, while insisting that there was a conspiracy against her, did not suggest Kaiser as a party to it.

DISAPPOINTED PASSENGERS.

The steamer Euryalus, from Newcastle, Sydney, and Melbourne, bound for Calcutta, put into Portland this afternoon and landed two stowaways in one of the local fishermen's dingies. The vessel then proceeded on her voyage.

CRICKET ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION.

A conference was held to-night between representatives of the Cricket League and the Cricket Association on the subject of the constitution passed by the association. It was represented that this constitution does not accord with the ideas held by the league as to arrangements for a settlement. The conference sat from 7.30 till 11, and then adjourned till Monday night. It is believed that the outcome will be satisfactory.

FOOD STANDARDS.

The food standards committee of the Board of Health has decided that to enable a mixture of coffee and chicory to be called by that name it must contain more than 50 per cent. coffee. In connection with margarine it was resolved to require that it be mixed with sesame oil, so that its use in butter could be detected.

DEATH OF AN INFANT.

The body of an infant was found on Tuesday evening buried in a rubbish heap in the yard of an empty house in Stratford. Medical examination showed that death was due to fracture of the skull. A girl was subsequently arrested at Maffra in connection with the affair.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN POLITICS.

THE PROPOSED LAND TAX.

EXPLANATION BY THE PREMIER.

PERTH (W.A.), Thursday.

The Premier, Mr. Moore, speaking on the second reading of the Land Tax Assessment Bill in the Legislative Assembly, said the total unimproved value of land held, exclusive of leases, was £14,445,582, consisting of municipalities £8,614,315, and road boards £5,831,267. The land valued at less than £250 represented £2,936,836, leaving a total amount of £11,508,776 available for taxation. At 1d in the pound this would return £47,403, while of £2,936,000 made up of values under £250 something like £1,600,000 would be in municipalities. Four-fifths of this would exceed the exemption, and at 1d in the £ would return £6666. They proposed to tax pastoral leases on the rents paid at the present time, estimating that the rent derived would be 5 per cent. on the unimproved capital value. They were adopting the same methods as New South Wales in regard to this taxation, and it was estimated to bring in something like £4361. Roughly speaking, the properties which would not earn a rebate would be approximately 20 per cent., and that would represent £12,000. Absentees would not represent more than 5 per cent.—say £1400. In many districts the valuations were not at all correct, and could be very well increased. In the eastern districts land, according to the road boards, was returned at 10s per acre, whereas they had instances of land selling at from £3 to £4 per acre. Taking all this into consideration, they were of opinion that if a tax of 1½d were proposed, with rebates on improvements as set out in the bill, ½d on improved properties, they would approximately receive something like £60,000. There were 3,765,975 acres alienated, and 8,614,060 in process of alienation. Fifteen of the municipalities had a capital value of over £100,000, while the remainder ran from £3000 upwards. There were 56,500 land owners, and no less than 51,500 who owned property at least valued at £400. The Government had decided to reduce the subsidy to municipalities by 50 per cent. On the average the Government had subsidised boards to the extent of £1 for every 3s 5½d collected in rates, and that kind of thing would have to stop.

QUEENSLAND COAL-MINERS.

DEMAND FOR INCREASED PAY.

SHIPPING SERIOUSLY HAMPERED.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Since the Whitwood strike at the end of last year the colliers at West Moreton have formed a coal-miners' union. The majority in the miners' district union has apparently deemed the present increased trade opportune for pressing demands for increases in remuneration, and has circulated among the collieries a scheme for a differential scale of wages, which it is intended to submit to the proprietors. One of the proprietors, in the course of an interview, said that the scheme, if enforced, would practically mean a rise of 6d or more per ton on the present cutting rate of 2s 6d. Another proprietor declares that if the scheme came into vogue he would have to shut down his pit. A third proprietor stated that he did not think the proprietors would accede to the new demand if made by the union, and then there would be a strike.

A mass meeting of miners has been called. It is announced that the Hon. A. Hinchcliffe and Mr. W. J. Maughan will address the meeting on industrial unionism.

The proprietors are holding a meeting with a view to fixing a standard selling rate for the district, as at present some of the collieries are enabled to quote lower than others, owing to being situated near the metropolis, freight thus being less.

Shipping at present is seriously hampered. The Dunera, which was to take in 2000 or 3000 tons of bunker coal, was unable to secure any, and finally went to Newcastle to secure a supply. An order for 7000 tons for Oopack was placed, but it was found, so it is stated, that the contract could not be carried out, and the vessel left without securing coal. The whole of the bunkering for the Blue Funnel liners will consequently now be done in the south. Other orders received by colliery agents had to be declined, and the coal trade which gave promise of reaching large dimensions, is likely to receive a check unless satisfactory arrangements are arrived at.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S TOUR.

COAST TRIP ABANDONED.

GRAFTON, Thursday.

Two motor cars left Glen Innes yesterday to convey the Governor-General and party along the coast southwards from Grafton. One arrived this afternoon. The other was forced to remain at Dalmorton, owing to petrol running short. Consequent on the late arrival of the motors and the inclement weather, his Excellency abandoned the trip along the coast southwards from Grafton, and returns to Brisbane by special train to-morrow; thence by rail to Sydney. To-day he remained at his hotel, taking much-needed rest.

COFF'S HARBOUR, Thursday.

Keen disappointment is felt here and along the coast at the announcement that the Governor-General has abandoned his proposed trip here, and Bellinger, Kempsey, and Taree. He returns to Brisbane by train. The town is decorated, and all arrangements for the reception made. A banquet was to have been held to-night. People are indignant at the engagements being cancelled after the trouble and expense.

QUEENSLAND.

RETIRED OFFICIAL'S CLAIM.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

An action instituted by Dr. J. Stockwell, formerly medical superintendent of Dunwich, against W. H. Ryder, as nominal defendant for the Government, came on in the Supreme Court to-day. Plaintiff alleged that the Deputy Governor, acting for the Governor, and with the advice of the Executive Council, wrongfully and illegally approved of his (plaintiff's) enforced resignation as from February 15 last. He claimed £125 arrears of salary and £10,000 damages. The case was adjourned till Monday.

AN ABORIGINAL FIGHT.

Three aborigines were brought into Bowen on Saturday, in charge of Constable Carey, who had arrested them in connection with the disappearance of a blackfellow employed at Ukalunda. A fourth has been arrested at Ravenswood. They will be charged with murder. It appears there had been a quarrel among some blacks, owing to the murdered man having interfered with the gin belonging to one of the men now under arrest. Native weapons were used, and one of the prisoners now shows marks of wounds received. The fighting resulted in the death of the blackboy, and the prisoners, it is alleged, then tied up the body and weighted it with stones, leaving it in a very deep waterhole which is infested with alligators.

The men on Messrs. Young Brothers' estate at Childers, have again struck, this being the fourth strike in the district within four weeks. Mr. Rankin had eight acres of heavy stand-over cane burnt on Sunday night. The fire is believed to have been the work of incendiaries.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

BROKERAGE ON AUSTRALIAN LOANS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

At the recent meeting of Premiers it was agreed to allow a uniform rate of brokerage on Australian Government loans. It was pointed out that in some of the States the rate charged by members of the Stock Exchange exceeded that of the London Stock Exchange. The rates virtually fixed were 5s per cent. on long-dated and 2s 6d per cent. on short-dated loans. This is all the South Australian Treasurer will pay. The matter has been discussed by the committee of the Stock Exchange of Adelaide, but it is understood that further negotiations are likely.

THE MELVILLE ISLAND FLOATED.

The ship Melville Island, which went ashore on Shoalwater Point after discharging 300 tons of ballast, was floated off yesterday morning and towed to Port Pirie.

NEW ZEALAND.

BUSINESS METHODS IN POLITICS.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

Mr. M'Nab, the new Minister for Lands, addressed his constituents on Tuesday. He said it was the first time for many years that there was at the head of the Government a man with a thoroughly up-to-date business method. The party had not had a leader with modern business methods, as they were now known. The men brought into the Government would not let one man carry all the burden as had been done in the past, thereby hurrying the Premier into an early grave.

THE PENNANT HILLS TRAGEDY.

VERDICT OF WILFUL MURDER.

An inquest was held yesterday at Thornleigh Hotel, Thornleigh, by Mr. W. Clark, coroner, on the bodies of Horace Henry Aiken, 16, and Albert Gordon Pettit, 9, the victims of Wednesday's shocking tragedy at Pennant Hills. A verdict of wilful murder was returned against Charlie Tye, the Chinaman who ran amuck, and he was committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court.

ARREST OF A SHIP.

THE CREW TEST THEIR POSITION.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The ship Deckan, which is at Port Adelaide loading wheat for Europe on behalf of James Bell and Co., has been arrested by an order of the Vice-Admiralty Court, at the instance of nine seamen on the vessel, who have adopted this course with a view to recover wages alleged to be due to them by the late owners of the ship, the British and Eastern Shipping Company, Ltd. Two years ago the vessel sailed from Antwerp, and has since visited New York, Hongkong, Chemainus, Port Townsend, and Delagoa Bay, whence she sailed recently for Adelaide.

While voyaging between these ports the vessel changed hands, and was disposed of, together with the Arracan and Mooltan, to a company whose name has not transpired. The crew, which in the meantime had undergone many changes, the officers being practically alone of the original complement, did not hear of the sale until their arrival. Most of the seamen had joined at Port Townsend under three years' articles, which would not expire until August 1, 1907, and were somewhat dubious regarding their position as to wages due to them by the original owners. They sought legal advice, and were informed that their best safeguard was to sue the ship for £226, representing nine months' wages. Acting on this, the necessary formula was gone through, and on Wednesday the sheriff tacked the summons to the mainmast. The matter is still in abeyance, but something definite is expected to take place shortly.

WORKMEN'S CLUBS.

THE LIQUOR ACT.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

At the Court of Petty Sessions to-day, before Colonel H. J. Chisholm, P.M., further charges in connection with the Woonona Workmen's Club were heard. John Muir (president), John Thomas Sweeney (secretary), and Garrett Haberley (a committeeman) were charged with knowingly allowing liquor to be kept on unregistered club premises, and Michael Sweeney (a member) was charged with having supplied liquor on unlicensed premises on two occasions.

Mr. W. H. Owen, for defendants, objected that the Court had no jurisdiction, on the ground that the cases should have been brought before the nearest Court of Petty Sessions, which was at Bulli, and, further, that the cases could not be dealt with whilst an appeal to the High Court was pending.

The Bench upheld the objection that the Court had no jurisdiction, and that the cases should have been brought before the Court of Petty Sessions at Bulli.

As the result of a ballot, members of the Kembla Heights Workmen's Club have decided, by a majority of three votes, that no appeal shall be made against the decision of Judge Fitzhardinge in cancelling the registration of the club.

THE STRANDED STEAMER.

PORT CHALMERS STILL ASHORE.

SALVAGE OPERATIONS.

Arrangements for salvage operations at the scene of the stranded steamer Port Chalmers, in Albany Pass, were completed yesterday by Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., the Australasian agents for the owners, and early in the day a lugger was despatched from Thursday Island with diving gear and other appliances on board. According to our correspondent, a south-easterly gale is blowing, and will probably retard operations. Albany Pass, at the southern entrance to which the Port Chalmers is ashore, is very narrow, with high land on either side, and the streams, which are very rapid, cause a confused sea when running in an opposite direction to the wind.

The commander of the Port Chalmers, Captain Jinman, in the course of a telegram to Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., received yesterday, stated that so far no water has found its way into the vessel. The accident it appears occurred on Tuesday evening, but up to the present only meagre particulars have reached the mainland. The lugger which left Thursday Island yesterday for the scene carried a large number of baskets, to assist in the work of jettisoning portion of the coal cargo. The hope is entertained that when the Port Chalmers has been thus lightened she will float off the submerged rock upon which she is resting. While the work of throwing the coal overboard is in progress a diver will make an examination of the vessel below the water-line, and should it be found that she has received damage temporary repairs will be carried out.

THURSDAY ISLAND, Thursday.

A report was received here late on Wednesday evening that the steamer Port Chalmers, from the south, grounded in the eastern entrance to Albany Pass on Tuesday evening. Little information is yet available, but more will be known on the return of the harbourmaster, who left here for the Port Chalmers late last night. A strong south-easterly wind, approaching the force of a gale, is blowing here.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

THE GOLDFIELDS WATER SCHEME.

PERTH, Thursday.

The report of the goldfields water scheme for the year ended June 30 last was submitted to Parliament to-day. This states the gross profit on the year's operations was £165,875, out of which £100,717 had to be paid in interest, leaving £3158 available towards the annual payment of £61,000 for sinking fund. The consumption of water during the year showed an increase of 89 million gallons over the preceding year.

INTERESTING LIBEL ACTION.

After a hearing extending over several days, a case in which four ex-railway employees sued the West Australian Newspaper Company for damages for alleged libel was concluded to-day, when the jury returned a unanimous verdict for the defendant company. The alleged libel was contained in an article published in the "West Australian." In this it was stated that the railway employees had left a goods train on the line near Pinjarrah while they went some distance from the line and robbed an orchard. Subsequently the Railway Department held an inquiry into the matter, and as a result Sydney Osborne, driver, Charles Volkmann, stoker, and Frank Banner and Henry Albert Kell, guards, were dismissed from the service. The four men thereupon proceeded against the West Australian Newspaper Company for damages for alleged libel. Their case was that the engine pipes became choked, and that a stoker and one guard went into the bush to secure a long pole to clean them out, and later on the other guard went to look for the absentees. Osborne, it was said, never left the engine at all. The owner of the orchard alleged to have been robbed swore that all four stole his fruit, and his evidence was supported by his employees.

TOWNSHIPS THREATENED WITH FAMINE.

In consequence of heavy rains rendering the roads impassable, Black Range and Berrigan are threatened with famine. Flour has become exhausted, and bread made from bran is selling at a shilling per loaf. Horses have been put off feed in order to save bran and pollard for human consumption. Eggs are unobtainable.

A SHIPWRECKED CREW.

EXPERIENCES AT EASTER ISLAND.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The steamer Mareeba, from Tahiti, arrived here to-day, and brought two British sailors, Charles Green and William Brown, of the crew of the Chilian schooner Sarita, which was blown ashore and wrecked on Easter Island on November 5 last. Brown and Green stated that Easter Island belonged to Chili, and was leased to certain people for sheep breeding purposes. On November 5 the Sarita was rapidly blown in towards the shore. Seeing that nothing could be done to save the schooner, the captain, mate, four A.Bs., one ordinary seaman, and the cook took to the boat, and after a struggle got ashore. After landing, some of the men were placed by the Governor at the far end of the island, away from the other inhabitants, whilst the others were set to work. They were almost starved, and had to eke out an existence the best way they could. Green was told he would have to sleep in a cave. Some time after their arrival a five-masted ship visited the island, and four of the shipwrecked crew were taken to Valparaiso, where they remained about seven months. When H.M.S. Cambrian visited the island on July 29 Green and Brown were taken to Tahiti. The captain and mate were left on Easter Island.

THE SAMUELSON CASE.

Papers in connection with the application of Alfred Samuelson for homestead lease No. 674, in the Brewarrina district, were laid on the table of the Legislative Assembly last night by the Attorney-General, in compliance with an order made at the instance of Mr. Thrower. It appears from those papers that Samuelson applied for the lease on August 7, 1889, and an approval was gazetted on April 29, 1890. Samuelson transferred to William Flood on July 14, 1890, by way of mortgage, and the Sheriff transferred to William Edward Brayley on March 20, 1893, all the right, title, and interest of Samuelson in and to the equity of redemption of the lease. In May, 1895, Samuelson wrote to the chairman of the local land board stating that "W. Flood, of Brewarrina, effected a sham sale on March 8, 1893. W. Flood and Co. could not sell me off, as I am only a servant for them. I am sending a copy of a letter written by Mr. W. N. Willis that will show if I am a bona fide or otherwise." The matter was referred to the local land board on June 20, 1895. The case came on for hearing in November, 1895, when Samuelson failed to appear, and the board found that Brayley had purchased the right, title, and interest in the lease for his own use, and considered that the conditions of the Act had been complied with by Samuelson at the time he purchased this lease, and considered that Samuelson held the lease for his own benefit.

In September, 1896, Mr. Frank Cotton, M.L.A., forwarded the Premier a declaration by Samuelson, in which among other things he stated that he was engaged by W. N. Willis, M.L.A., to apply for and take up a homestead lease. At the request of Willis, he signed a form before a justice of the peace which had previously been filled up at Willis's office. He alleged that Willis agreed to pay him the sum of 30s per week and provide him with rations for five years.

On this declaration, the Premier wrote the following minute: "This person, Samuelson, has several times made a statement. Inquiries have been ordered by the Land Board, and he has failed to appear. He is evidently working some purpose of his own, and I think the department, having acted before, need not act again." On August 28, 1899, Samuelson wrote to the Minister for Lands, repeating the statement he made in the declaration forwarded to the Premier by Mr. Cotton. Upon this communication Mr. R. H. Delow, in charge of the lease division, suggested that the matter should be referred to the Crown Solicitor for advice. The Crown Solicitor's opinion was that the board's finding not having been appealed against, that decision had to be taken as final. In any case he did not think that any purpose could be served by reopening the matter, even if such a step could be taken, as there was no evidence whatever to affect the bona-fides of the purchasers from the sheriff.

Towards the end of 1893 Mr. Webster, M.L.A., handed to Sir John See (Premier) certain papers in connection with the case, in which Samuelson repeated his former statements as to his relations with Willis and others. These were referred to the Crown Solicitor, who considered that some corroboration of Samuelson's version was to be found in a letter written by Mr. Willis to Mr. Close. Referring to the allegations, the Crown Solicitor said—"It must not be overlooked that they have been made by an individual who, according to his own statement, entered into an agreement to act as a dummy, and to acquire land illegally for other persons, and no plea as to his ignorance of the nature of such a transaction is made. His subsequent charges against men who had previously employed him might very possibly be attributable to feelings of resentment . . . and, indeed, it is not improbable that some unsuccessful attempt at blackmail may have been the origin of these charges." In view of the great lapse of time that had occurred, the Crown Solicitor did not consider it advisable that an inquiry should be held, but recommended that the papers be sent on to the Attorney-General for consideration.

Mr. B. R. Wise, in returning the papers, wrote—"The question whether an inquiry should be held under the C.L. Acts is for the Department of Lands. I see no sufficient evidence to justify criminal proceedings under the Crimes Act."

The papers eventually reached Mr. Crick, then Minister for Lands, and on April 13, 1904, he wrote—"The charges are vague, and worthy of a wild man. Put papers away."

CASUALTIES.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

BALRANALD, Thursday.

James Conlon attempted to commit suicide at Hatfield, near Balranald, by cutting his throat. He was brought into Balranald by the police, and by the Court was remanded for eight days. The wound is not of a serious nature.

A MINER KILLED.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

John Barsom, a miner, was accidentally killed at Blinman mine last night through a fall of earth.

WINDSOR, Thursday.

Mr. R. T. Turner, of Comleroy-road, who recently met with a serious accident whilst driving into Richmond, when the horse fell, died in the local hospital this morning from the effects.

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NEWCASTLE.

A TEMPESTUOUS VOYAGE.

ARRIVAL OF THE BALLUMBIE.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The barque Ballumbie, under the command of Captain Martin Frampton, which arrived in Port Hunter last night after a passage of 55 days from Capetown, met with some sensational experiences on the voyage across the Indian Ocean.

The Ballumbie left Capetown on June 20, loaded with ballast, for Newcastle. Almost from the outset strong winds, veering from the NE to SE, were encountered. When abreast of the Crozets the barometer went up to 30.75, and a moderate gale with heavy seas followed. At 11 o'clock on the morning of July 11 the man on watch reported to the first mate, who was on the bridge, that he sighted a corpse in an almost nude condition. It appeared to be in a decomposed state, and was being preyed upon by numbers of sea birds, the position of the corpse, even when out of sight, being indicated by the vultures of the ocean, which were circling in the air above. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon another corpse, dressed in dark clothing, was passed. This was in lat. 40.14 S. and long. 74.46 E. As these bodies were possibly the remains of persons washed off some vessel during a gale, or drowned after the foundering of their ship, the captain gave orders that a sharp lookout was to be made for wreckage. There being no vestige of any wreckage, however, the barque continued on her course. Two weeks later, on July 25, the barometer rose very rapidly to 28.65, and some of the sails were reefed in readiness for the storm. During the night the wind began to blow, gently at first, and then gradually stronger until it increased to hurricane force. All night the barque ran before the gale with her lee rail under water. Mountainous seas were running, and many dashed on deck, washing everything of a movable nature over the side. The upper topsails were furled, and the ship was broached to. A 90-fathom chain of hauling line was put over the lee quarter to try and get the ship away, but without effect. In the height of the gale the stone ballast shifted, and the barque was in a dangerous position for some hours, but all hands set to work, and the vessel was righted. The after hatch was washing for some hours, and a quantity of water made its way below. However, during the next day the gale had blown itself out, and the barque was once again placed on her course. Newcastle was reached without any other incidents of note.

The Ballumbie loads a cargo of Caledonian coal for the West Coast.

THE BEN NEVIS FROM HONGKONG.

The steamer Ben Nevis, in charge of Captain Pritchard, arrived in port to-day after a voyage of 22 days from Hongkong. Before reaching the Philippines very bad weather was encountered. The barometer went up to 30.90, and then fell suddenly, being followed by a hurricane, but no damage was sustained.

NORTHERN COAL TRADE.

PROPRIETORS TO MEET THE MINERS.

As the outcome, apparently, of the conference of the colliery proprietors held in Sydney early in the week, the miners' representatives have been granted a hearing on Saturday next. The general superintendent of the A. A. Company, Mr. Livingstone Learmonth, informed your representative to-day that the proprietors would confer with the officers of the Colliery Employees' Federation, the president, secretary, and treasurer, on the question of the hewing rate on Saturday morning. The matter will be gone into thoroughly then, and it is expected that a satisfactory understanding will be reached.

COAL AND OTHER EXPORTS.

The following cleared at the Customs-house to-day:—Glenafton, bq, for Valparaiso, with 1872 tons coal; Montgomeryshire, Norwegian sh, for Eten, with 2120 tons coal; Buninyong, s, for Rockhampton, via Sydney and Brisbane, general cargo; Marathon, s, for London, via Sydney, with 510 bales greasy wool, 11,731 ingots copper, 73 drums glycerine, 90 casks oleine, 44 casks of tallow, 2600 bars of bullion, 5630 carcases mutton, 2099 carcases lamb, 5610 crates of rabbits, 1000 crates of hares; Queen Helena, s, for Valparaiso, via Sydney, with 6396 tons coal; Henley, s, for Guaymas, with 5115 tons coal; Wimmera, s, for Wellington, via Sydney, with 1250 tons bunker coal and 30 tons of coke; Cycle, s, for Fremantle, via Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide, with 4300 tons coal and 57 cases biscuits.

A CURIOUS WILL.

DIRECTION OF THE COURT ASKED.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Before Mr. Justice Gordon, in the Civil Court to-day, the direction of the Court was sought regarding the administration of probate in the estate of William Jones, deceased. Under a will which was in his own handwriting, the public trustee was appointed sole trustee and executor. It was stipulated that the interest on the estate, which was sworn not to exceed £12,000, was to be paid in equal shares to the deceased's son and daughter during life. At the death of either one the share was to revert to capital, and allowed to accumulate until the death of the other. If this should come about, the will stipulated that the trustee should hand over all of the deceased's real and personal estate to four trustees appointed by the Incorporated Body of Freethinkers of South Australia, and should there be no such body existing at the time, the estate was to accumulate until such body was incorporated. Evidence to-day indicated that there never was such a body in South Australia as indicated in the will, but that the South Australian Freethought Society (incorporated) had been non-existent for years. The proceedings were adjourned until a day to be fixed. In the meantime advertisements will be inserted in the Commonwealth and New Zealand press calling upon life and honorary members of the S.A.F.S. to render available any information they may possess regarding the defunct institution.

RAIN IN THE NORTH.

SOME USEFUL FALLS.

Rain of a useful character passed over the north-eastern quarter of the State during Wednesday night and yesterday. In the far north-western, however 15 points at Tibooburra was the only measurable quantity reported. Over the north-western plains, Millie received 9 and Moree 3 points, while on the north-western slopes 60 points at Bingara and 49 at Bendemeer were the best falls.

On the northern tablelands the amounts were all appreciable, averaging about half an inch, the heaviest falls being 90 points at Glen Innes and 86 points at Emmaville. Along the north coast the totals were generally moderate to heavy. Clarence River Heads had 148 points, Cape Byron 74, Grafton 70, Nambucca 52, Lismore 51, and Kempsey 45 points. Yesterday afternoon an additional half inch was registered at Tweed River Heads.

Mr. H. A. Hunt says that the high pressure centre has moved from its southern site to a position off the coast of this State, and conditions are assuming a phase favouring a general change for unsettled weather.

Rain is expected to cease on the North Coast, but to set in over the far western districts to-night or to-morrow, gradually extending eastwards during the following few days. Temperatures will probably be mild, with winds from the north-east. Night fogs are indicated.

INTERSTATE BOWLING MATCHES.

N.S.W. v QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The second of the series of interstate bowling matches, New South Wales v Queensland, was played to-day. Queensland won by 21. Scores:—

	Q.	N.S.W.
G. T. Southern, J. Robinson, D. D. Reid, S. S. Gibson	25	—
F. C. Passau, W. Denyer, W. Marr, M. Moran	—	20
G. Cockburn, R. M'Millan, B. Whitehouse, E. E. Quinlan	29	—
L. A. Simpson, J. Kirton, J. Lavor, G. Coates	—	18
R. Brown, T. Logan, F. Gould, W. Kerr	13	—
D. M'Donald, H. Thorpe, N. E. Booth, S. Louden	—	21
L. M. Mendoza, R. S. Warry, J. S. Bartholomew, T. W. Bouchard	27	—
C. Thorpe, G. Watson, N. H. D. Hopson, E. G. Aiken	—	13
Totals	93	72

MUSCULAR RHEUMATISM.

BACKACHE is often attributed to defective kidneys. This in measure is only a bogey—an advertising trick.

Your kidneys are correct—never fear. In nine cases out of ten the pains are nothing but MUSCULAR RHEUMATISM, easily removed by taking 10 drops of "FISHER'S" PHOSPHERINE, A Most Famous Cure.

All Chemists, 1s; four times, 2s 6d.—Advt.

The Children's Ball at Brisbane.—This being the season of social gaiety, we show some of the "characters" at the above function. On one page of this week's "Sydney Mail" no fewer than 80 children are portrayed.—Advt.

COUNTRY NEWS.

COLLARENDABRI RAILWAY TERMINUS.

COLLARENDABRI, Thursday.

Last night at a public meeting the following resolutions were unanimously carried:—"That this meeting views with indignant consternation the apparent intention of the Minister for Works to make Collarendabri East the permanent terminus of the railway, that site being absolutely unsuitable for trucking stock, on account of the absence of water; that in the commercial and vested interests of the town and district the member be urged to obtain from the Minister a definite assurance that the line will be continued to Collarendabri without delay; that the meeting emphatically protests against the sale of town allotments or the issue of hotel licenses at Collarendabri East, being an unnecessary and unwarrantable interference with business interests of this town, and a breach of faith with purchasers of land sold by the Crown in Collarendabri some time back."

SPURIOUS HALF-CROWNS.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

A number of counterfeit half-crowns have been passed on business people here. One bank refused seven. The imitation is good, but the weight is deficient.

RAILWAY AGITATION AT INVERELL.

INVERELL, Thursday.

For the month of July 158 tons of tin ore were despatched from the Inverell railway station, which is a record. The value of this quantity is locally £16,500. With the great growth of railway traffic there is an increasing feeling of dissatisfaction with the existing system, and Inverell promises to respond readily to the agitation by Glen Innes for a connection with the Northern line at that centre. The Mayor has convened a meeting to consider the question, and this promises to be largely attended.

THE IRISH ENVOYS.

COOTAMUNDRA, Thursday.

The Irish envoys, Messrs. Devlin and Donovan, arrived yesterday morning, and were welcomed at the railway station by the Mayor, Alderman Maugan, and escorted by the band and a number of prominent citizens to White's Hotel. The visitors were driven round the district, and inspected the chief public places. The envoys spoke to a crowded assemblage in the Town Hall last night. Mr. Devlin strenuously denied charges levelled against the Home Rule party, contending that its fight was purely racial and patriotic, and free from any sectarian element, or desire to dismember the Empire. Resolutions approving of the objects of Messrs. Devlin and Donovan's mission were carried unanimously.

TEMORA, Thursday.

The Irish envoys arrived by this morning's train, and will deliver addresses to-night.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

LISMORE, Thursday.

At the Quarter Sessions the following sentences were passed to-day:—Alfred Thomas M'Elhone, charged with assault: The accused's counsel said the affair was a sequel to a dance after a wedding, where the accused and numbers of others took too much drink. The prisoner was sentenced to one month's imprisonment; then to find sureties for his good behaviour for three years or serve an additional two months. William Harris, breaking and entering at Cooloon, was sentenced to twelve months' in Bathurst Gaol. Charles Pitts pleaded guilty to a charge of cattle stealing. As none of the animals had been sold, his Honor said he would sentence the prisoner to six months' in Goulburn Gaol, then to find sureties for his good behaviour for three years, or serve an additional three months. Bede O'Connor pleaded guilty to breaking, entering, and stealing, and was sentenced to two months' in Casino Gaol, then to find sureties for his good behaviour for three years, in default four months' additional imprisonment. William Maxwell, found guilty of larceny, was sentenced to two years' in Bathurst Gaol.

WAGGA, Thursday.

The Quarter Sessions were commenced to-day before Judge Murray. Mr. W. L. Merewether was Crown Prosecutor. The only criminal case was an indictment against John Goodman, who pleaded not guilty to a charge of immorality in regard to his daughter, Betsy Jane Goodman, aged 12 years and 2 months, at Cannally, near Balranald. Mr. P. R. Higgins, who defended, raised the issue of autrefois acquit, the accused having been acquitted at Cootamundra Sessions on a similar charge, alleged to have been committed at Ganmain in February of this year. A jury was sworn in to try the issue, and found that prisoner had not been tried for any offence committed at Cannally. The case was then proceeded with. It was shown that a family of two girls and two boys, along with the husband and wife, earned their livelihood by rabbiting. They all slept in one tent, and the evidence contained allegations against all of them. Two daughters, on oath, described acts of immorality against their father, but accused gave these a complete denial, stating that the whole thing was a conspiracy planned by his wife. Without hearing addresses of counsel the jury found a verdict of not guilty. Thereupon a fresh indictment charged the accused with immoral conduct in regard to his step-daughter, May Violet Haynes. The accused pleaded not guilty, and was liberated upon his own recognisances.

ROBBERY OF A MAIL BAG.

ORANGE, Thursday.

No clue has yet been received as to the whereabouts of the mail bag missing between Borenore and Cudal. The missing bag contained a registered letter addressed to Mr. W. C. Bowman, of Derowie, with a cheque for £70 inside.

BALRANALD, Thursday.

The local fire brigade held a demonstration yesterday, and competed for medals presented by local townsmen. Results:—Hydrant Race, S. Bryant, 1; F. M'Donald, 2; E. Bartlett, 3. Reel Practice.—E. Russ's team.

HELENSBURGH, Thursday.

At the Helensburgh and Lilyvale Workmen's Literary and Social Institute last night the president, Mr. W. P. Mitchell, delivered an address to the members on "Democracy." The institute has challenged any other society on the South Coast to meet them in debate.

KEMPSEY, Thursday.

Light rain commenced to fall on Wednesday night. At 9 o'clock next morning 45 points were registered.

Bishop Doyle, of Lismore, has been visiting various centres of the Macleay during the past few days, collecting money on behalf of the Cathedral at Lismore.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.

At the annual meeting of the Liverpool Ladies' Benevolent Society held recently Mrs. Evans presiding, it was reported that during the year £40 11s 6d had been received in subscriptions, and with the Government subsidy for 1904-5 and the balance in hand, made a total of £147 17s 11d, out of which £66 3s 4d had been disbursed in affording relief to the sick and distressed poor of the district, leaving a credit balance of £74 14s 7d. The following office-bearers were elected for the current year:—President, Mrs. Shearman; vice-presidents, Mrs. Evans and Miss Pearce; treasurer, Mrs. Evans; secretary, Mrs. Whitfeld.

At a meeting of the council held last night the Mayor presiding, it was decided to forward the petition recently received from a number of ratepayers, urging the establishment of a Public school at Liverpool South, together with an offer to grant a site for the school free of charge, to the Education Department, through Mr. Downes, M.L.A.

NOWRA, Thursday.

A successful concert in aid of the Shoalhaven Agricultural Society was given by Mr. A. H. Burnet and a company of artists from Sydney, including Miss Lilian Booth and Mr. W. Herman Slade, of the Idlers' Comedy Club; Miss Edith Fleming, of the Metropolitan Glee Club; Miss Edmunds, Miss Evie Mann, and Mr. Harrie Way. Miss Booth's elocutionary contributions were especially well received.

PARKES, Thursday.

Mr. Uriah Foster, 59, died last night. He had suffered from consumption of the throat for some months. Deceased was one of the pioneers of Parkes, owned considerable property, and was proprietor of the Exchange Hotel. He was an alderman till five years ago, a member of the hospital committee, and other institutions. He leaves a widow, two sons, and three daughters, and a brother, Mr. Hiram Foster, of the White Horse Hotel, Newtown.

AMUSEMENTS.

DOLORES CONCERT TO-MORROW.

A natural disappointment was experienced in the city early yesterday afternoon, when it became known that Mlle. Antonia Dolores would be unable to give her song-recital in the evening. Mingled with this was a feeling of keen sympathy with the esteemed diva, as the postponement involved a heavy financial loss. Fortunately, nothing very serious is the matter. The star soprano took cold, and could not have sung through such a heavy programme without the risk of prolonged injury to her beautiful voice. She announced to her friends that she had no doubt whatever that she would be able to sing her best to-morrow. Messrs. J. and N. Tait have accordingly postponed the concert until Saturday evening at the Town Hall, when Thursday's programme, including Mr. John Lemmone for the flute part to "Lo, Here the Gentle Lark," will be duly carried out. All bookings will, of course, be transferred to that evening. The plan is at Paling's.

THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT.

THE SENATE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTERS.)

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The President took the chair at 2.30 p.m.

DEFENCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE, in reply to Senator Pearce (W.A.), as to opportunity being given for discussion of the Imperial Defence Committee's report, said the report had been received with a view to receiving one from the department's own officers, and a great many inquiries had to be made before Ministers could say how far they would be prepared to acquiesce in recommendations. No purpose would be served by having an academic discussion at present.

Senator MILLEN (N.S.W.): It was stated in a paper that the Minister had adopted a hostile attitude in regard to the report.

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE said he had privately expressed the opinion that he was more favourably inclined to the recommendations of Captain Creswell than to the recommendations of the Imperial Defence Committee. That was his personal opinion, but it was liable to modification on further consideration.

COMMERCE ACT REGULATIONS.

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE, in reply to Senator Macfarlane (T.), said the Minister of Customs had made no promise that no alteration would be made in the regulations under the Commerce Act recently laid on the table. The Minister was open to receive suggestions.

Senator MILLEN (N.S.W.): That does not tally with the statement made in the other House by your colleague.

Senator MACFARLANE: Is this in reference to the butter regulations?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE: I fancy so, but I'm not quite sure.

AN IMMIGRATION MATTER.

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE, in reply to Senator Pearce (W.A.), said the Minister of External Affairs had received a complaint from the Labour Council of Western Australia respecting the importation from abroad under contract of a printer's machinist by a Perth newspaper, and had also been informed that the Perth Hospital board had been advertising for cooks in England. Inquiries were being made.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Four weeks' leave of absence was granted to Senator Gray (N.S.W.) on account of illness.

NATIONALISATION OF MONOPOLIES.

Senator PEARCE was given leave to bring in a bill for an Act to provide for an alteration of the Constitution for granting power to Parliament to make laws providing for the nationalisation of monopolies with respect to production, manufacture, trade, and commerce.

The bill was read the first time.

PAPUA ACT.

Senator STEWART (Q.) was given leave to bring in a bill to amend the Papua Act.

The bill was read the first time.

DEPARTMENTAL LAW CASES.

Senator STEWART (Q.) moved,—"That all official matter, correspondence, etc., in connection with the cases of Hart and Gavegan, late of the Queensland Post and Telegraph Department, should be laid on the table and printed."

Senator KEATING (Hon. Minister) said it would cost £100 to print the papers.

The motion was negatived.

CANTEEN BILL.

The debate was resumed on the bill for the abolition of military canteens.

Senator DOBSON (T.) said he would support the bill. He strongly objected to temptation being put in the way of young soldiers.

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE said a military canteen was really a general store. There was one in Sydney which had made a profit of £500, which was devoted to the maintenance of the recreation rooms, sports, etc. He intended to provide by regulations that canteens should be on the English system, in which only light beer and wines were sold, and not spirituous liquors. Those who were in favour of the bill were going to do something that would have the effect of increasing drunkenness. In accordance with a request he had written for the opinions of officers in the States on the question of abolition. In New South Wales there was not one principal officer who was in favour of the abolition of canteens. In Victoria 19 officers were against abolition, and three in favour of prohibition. The Commandant said that in the interests of discipline prohibition would be a mistake. In Queensland all recommended the retention of canteens. In South Australia the Commandant said that 25 years' experience made him strongly in favour of canteens. Seven officers in that State favoured canteens, and four opposed them. In Western Australia all commanding officers, and the State Premier, as well as the senior chaplain, Bishop Riley, strongly opposed abolition; and in Tasmania ten commanding officers were also of the same opinion. He was strongly convinced that to do away with the canteen would bring about the reverse of what temperance advocates anticipated.

The debate was adjourned for a week.

INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL.

The debate was resumed on the second reading of the bill for the preservation of Australian industries, and was further adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Senate rose at 10.20 p.m.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The Speaker took the chair at 2.30 p.m.

NEW GUINEA.

The PRIME MINISTER, replying to Mr. Hughes (N.S.W.), said the present administrator of New Guinea had asked for the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into affairs in the possession. The only papers upon which he based the necessity for a commission were the annual report and the administrator's application.

THE STRACHAN CASE.

Mr. BRUCE SMITH (N.S.W.) asked the Prime Minister whether, now that the Commonwealth on a technicality had successfully defended the action brought by Captain Strachan, he would inquire into the merits of Captain Strachan's case.

The PRIME MINISTER said he would not admit that the matter rested on a pure technicality. It would have been a serious responsibility for the Commonwealth to assume. He was, however, obtaining papers in the case from Sydney.

A MINISTER'S ABSENCE.

Mr. JOHNSON (N.S.W.) asked the Prime Minister when would Sir William Lyne return, and whether he would be in the House in time to deal with the harvesters.

Mr. PAGE (Q.): What have you done with George Reid? (Hear, hear.)

Dr. MALONEY (Vic.): When will the leader of the Opposition be in his place?

The questions were not answered.

NAVAL TRAINING.

The PRIME MINISTER said that the drill ships to be manned by Australians and New Zealanders under the naval agreement had a complement of 1200, which would allow of 1000 Australian and New Zealand officers and men being engaged. On July 1 408 Australian officers and men were being trained. The training of the men was very necessarily gradual, and those already in the service must be brought to efficiency before others could be placed.

TARIFF AMENDMENT.

The House in committee of ways and means further considered the proposed excise duties on spirits.

The PRIME MINISTER moved the following new clause:—"Blended wine brandy, distilled from grape wine, and containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure grape wine spirit (which has been separately distilled by a pot still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. overproof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be brandy so blended and matured, 11s."

The motion was agreed to.

The PRIME MINISTER moved that the following clause be inserted in place of the clause relating to blended brandy:—"Blended grain brandy, distilled partly from grape wine and partly from grain, and containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure grape wine spirit (which has been separately distilled by a pot still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. overproof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be brandy so blended and matured, 12s."

Mr. JOSEPH COOK (N.S.W.) said the classification of blended grain brandy would encourage the manufacture of inferior spirit.

Mr. WATSON (N.S.W.) said that this class of brandy should be classified as n.e.i., and pay a duty of 13s.

Mr. FISHER (Q.) said the whole idea underlying the Government proposal was to prevent the use of molasses, and he would ask was it a manly way to achieve that object? He would support the Commission's recommendations.

Mr. HUTCHISON (S.A.) said he would move the elimination of the term "brandy" from blended grain spirits.

Dr. LIDDELL (N.S.W.) said that if brandy were to be mixed up with distillations from other materials than grape the Australian wine industry would be ruined.

Mr. FISHER (Q.) said the manufacture of spirit from molasses had, under the Federal tariff, become an important industry. The Government's proposals, by giving preference to wine spirit, would damage that industry. A Parliament elected for the issue of fiscal peace could have no justification for such action.

Mr. DUGALD THOMSON (N.S.W.) said there was no evidence that molasses spirit was more injurious than grain spirit, and there was no reason why the Government should refuse to recognise the former as brandy.

The committee divided on the Prime Minister's motion, which was carried by 37 votes to 13.

The PRIME MINISTER said he was quite prepared to omit the term "grain brandy" and to substitute "blended spirit," so as not to prejudice the use of other spirits used for fortification. He moved an amendment to that effect.

Mr. JOSEPH COOK (N.S.W.) said this was an attempt to set up a new class of spirits.

Sir JOHN QUICK (V.) said the further they tinkered with the Commission's recommendations the more they destroyed the consistency of their scheme. This was a proposal to create a mongrel article that was unknown to the trade. Whoever heard of blended spirit? The Government was gradually frittering away the Commission's proposals. As far as he, as a Commissioner, was concerned, he would accept no further responsibility.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said the House had to deal with facts, not with trade terms.

Mr. WILLIS (N.S.W.) said that if the term brandy were eliminated it would damage the introduction of certain brandies.

After debate, the Prime Minister's motion was submitted in the following form, and was agreed to by 26 votes to 14, viz.:—Blended spirits, distilled partly from grape wine and partly from grain, and containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure grape wine spirit, "which has been separately distilled by a pot still or similar process, at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over-proof," the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be siprits so blended and matured, 12s.

The following was the division:—

FOR THE MOTION—26.

Bamford	Fuller	Batchelor
Spence	Carpenter	H. Cook
Quick, Sir J.	Storrer	Forrest, Sir J.
Tudor	Salmon	Knox
M'Lean	Phillips	Isaacs
Hutchison	Skene	Culpin
Kennedy	Deakin	Crouch
M'Cay	Chapman	Ronald,
Mahon	Groom	

AGAINST THE MOTION—14.

Watson	Dugald Thomson	Liddell
Brown	Fysh, Sir P.	M'Williams
Willis	Fisher	Cameron
Kelly	R. Edwards	Page
J. Cook	Wilkinson	

Mr. M'LEAN (V.) urged the Government to adopt the Tariff Commission's recommendation regarding the duty of 6d on spirit used for fortifying Australian wine.

The PRIME MINISTER said he felt inclined to give supervision free.

Sir JOHN QUICK (V.) said if it were free the revenue would lose £6000 a year.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: If we can do supervision for less than 6d why should we not do so?

The PRIME MINISTER proposed a duty of 6d on and after August 17 on spirit for fortifying Australian wine, and intimated that if something more advantageous could be done the Government would give effect to it.

Other items were agreed to in the following form:—Whisky distilled wholly from barley malt by a pot still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent overproof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be pure malt whisky, per proof gallon, 10s; blended whisky, distilled partly from barley malt and partly from other materials, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure barley, malt spirit, which has been separately distilled by a pot still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. overproof, the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be whisky so blended and matured, 11s; rum, distilled from molasses by a pot still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. overproof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be pure rum, 12s; gin, distilled from barley malt, grain, or grape wine, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be pure gin, 12s; spirit, n.e.i., matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, 13s; spirit for industrial or scientific purposes, subject to regulations, 13s; spirits, n.e.i., 40s; methylated spirit, subject to regulations, 6d.

Progress was then reported.

THE BUDGET DEBATE.

The House resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

Mr. SPENCE (N.S.W.) said there was an appalling amount of poverty and sweating in Melbourne. He defended the progressive land tax proposal of the Government. The leader of the Opposition had stated that a progressive land tax was an interference with the constitutional rights of the States. That was a statement that required no answer.

Mr. JOSEPH COOK (N.S.W.): I think it does require an answer.

Mr. SPENCE: The Commonwealth had the right to impose land taxation.

Mr. JOSEPH COOK: Your proposal is to only tax some people.

Mr. SPENCE: The Commonwealth has the right to impose a tax and to make exemptions.

Mr. JOSEPH COOK: But not for the purposes of bursting up estates.

Mr. SPENCE: Land monopoly was one of the most pressing problems, and the Commonwealth had the right to impose taxation, whether it had the effect of bursting up estates or not.

Mr. KNOX (V.) urged the appointment of a Royal Commission, representative of the States, to frame a scheme for dealing with State debts and other financial problems.

Mr. GLYNN (S.A.) said the Treasurer's figures showed that the cost of the machinery of Federation last year was only £309,000, which was not excessive.

The debate was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House rose at 10.45 p.m.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

TRIANGULAR MATCH.

Seven Shots at 500 and 600 Yards.

A triangular match between the Eastern Suburbs, Camden, and the Windsor clubs was fired off at the Randwick Rifle Range on Wednesday, under almost perfect weather conditions. Camden scored 15 points in excess of the Eastern Suburbs representatives, who beat Camden by 42. M. H. Farindon (Camden) was the highest scorer, with 33, 34—67. In the evening the visitors were entertained by the Eastern Suburbs Club at the residence of Mr. H. D. McIntosh (vice-president), Captain G. W. Wynne presiding. The scores were:—

Camden.—H. Farindon, 33, 34—67; M. Hopson, 31, 29—60; J. A. Porter, 31, 27—58; O. Bolsby, 28, 29—57; A. Derriman, 26, 30—56; J. Pinkerton, 30, 26—56; J. Moore, 33, 23—56; Captain W. R. Cowper, 28, 27—55; F. Ferris, 25, 27—52; A. E. Hawkins, 29, 22—51. Totals, 294, 274—568.

Eastern Suburbs.—A. D. Carmichael, 32, 29—61; A. Cottee, 33, 28—61; W. A. Clark, 29, 31—60; F. W. Turton, 30, 29—59; S. Renwick, 29, 30—59; W. Turton, 31, 28—59; Captain A. W. McCallum, 34, 22—56; W. F. Whyte, 25, 28—53; L. Broadbent, 24, 24—48; W. Finlay, 17, 21—38. Totals, 283, 270—553.

Windsor.—W. Rose, 29, 31—60; Captain Paine, 32, 26—58; A. Moses, 32, 24—56; J. Gray, 27, 28—55; W. Mortley, 28, 27—55; C. B. Rubery, 23, 25—48; E. Sandoz, 28, 19—47; R. Waters, 26, 21—47; A. Stearn, 22, 22—44; C. Mortley, 26, 15—41. Totals, 273, 238—511.

EASTERN SUBURBS CLUB.

At a social function given on Wednesday night by the Eastern Suburbs Club as a welcome to the visiting teams from Camden and Windsor, a letter from Lord Roberts, in answer to one from Mr. A. H. McCallum (secretary of the E. S. Club), was read, accepting an invitation to become the club's patron. Lord Roberts wrote from Englemere, Berkshire, as follows:—"In reply to your letter of 31st May it will give me great pleasure to become patron of the Eastern Suburbs Rifle Club, Sydney. I am very glad to know that several of your members served under me in South Africa, as I have a lively recollection of the good work done by the men of New South Wales during the war. With all good wishes for the success of the Eastern Suburbs Club, believe me yours very truly, Roberts, Field Marshal."

Several riflemen spoke eulogistically of the interest Lord Roberts had shown in the rifle club movement, special reference being made to the training afforded to riflemen in the old country by means of miniature ranges. An announcement was made that a range similar to those approved of by Lord Roberts would shortly be in operation in the basement of the Sydney Town Hall.

QUEENSLAND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The Queensland Rifle Association meeting was continued to-day. Results:—

Port Curtis Match, 10 rounds at 700yds.—J. P. Connelly (Railway and Works), 45, £5; H. Motten (Charters Towers), 45, £4; W. H. Raymond (Australian Engineers), 44, £3. Other prize-winners were:—P. G. Woolridge (Byron Bay), £2; R. H. Walker (N.S.W.), H. Hicks (N.S.W.), J. M'Andrews (Byron Bay), F. G. Harrison (Lismore), A. V. White (Mount Morgan), W. Kelly (N.S.W.), R. P. Donegan (Bendigo), each £1.

Final Match, 10 rounds at 900yds.—H. Motton (Charters Towers), 48, £6; P. J. Thorn (13th A.L.H.), 47, £5; Alex. Ferguson (Queensland Scottish), 47, £4. Other prize-winners: F. Hoctor (Lismore), W. P. Condon (Byron Bay), H. Hicks (N.S.W.), J. G. Hicks (Lismore), C. H. Newell (Lismore).

King Edward's Aggregate (best aggregate in A series).—Constable G. French (Queensland Police), 309, N.R.A. silver medal of R.A., gold medal, and badge, and £25; A. Crease (Queensland English), £369, Q.R.A. badge and £12. The above two tied. In the shoot-off French won. J. G. Hicks (Lismore), 369, Q.R.A. badge and £8. Other prize-winners: H. Hicks (Katoomba), J. Walker (N.S.W.), F. G. Hamson (Lismore), C. R. Newell (Lismore), R. Donegan (Bendigo), W. P. Condon (Byron Bay), P. Woolrydge and W. Kelly (N.S.W.), each £2.

KEMPSEY, Thursday.

A rifle match was fired between Kempsey and Uralgarra, and resulted in a win for Kempsey.

STATE PARLIAMENTS.

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Legislative Assembly last night the Womanhood Suffrage Bill was passed through all its stages, and the House rose about 1 o'clock this morning.

To-day Mr. Bent moved the second reading of the Redemption of Loans Bill. It gives general powers to the Government to raise either locally or in London, or in both places, any funds required for the redemption of loans generally, fixing the maximum interest at 4 per cent. He said there would be little difficulty in converting a £4,000,000 loan maturing next year, as the securities of the State were sound and the population and revenue increasing. Many people were buying Victorian debentures in London and transferring them to Melbourne. The bill was passed through all its stages.

The debate on the second reading of the Licensing Bill was resumed by Mr. A. A. Billson, who made a strong speech in opposition to the principle of time compensation. Mr. Mackinnon, leader of the third party, also objected to time compensation as a species of confiscation. The debate was adjourned, and the House rose.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

In the Legislative Assembly to-day the Attorney-General said that the object of the Workmen's Compensation Amending Bill was to simplify existing machinery and reduce the cost of litigation. Mr. Archibald, leader of the Labour party, said he was afraid the only purpose of the bill would be to increase the existing complications. The debate was adjourned. The Marine Board Bill was further considered in committee, and several minor amendments were made.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Thursday.

In the Legislative Assembly last night the Premier moved that the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia be requested to pass a measure having for its object the maintenance of persons confined in hospitals for the insane or lunatic asylums of the various States whose relatives are resident in a State other than that in which the person is confined. The motion was carried.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Thursday.

Average rainfall for 47 years, 49.947.
Average for 48 years from Jan. 1 to July 31, 24.033.
Total rainfall from Jan. 1 1906, to Aug. 16, 17.254.
Corresponding period of previous year, 26.358.
Greatest wind velocity for past 24 hours, 18 miles.
Temperature.—Maximum, 61; minimum, 44; at 9 p.m., 57.
Barometer.—9 a.m., 30.481; 3 p.m., 30.327; 9 p.m., 30.345.
Humidity.—9 a.m., 81; 3 p.m., 63; 9 p.m., 87.

BAROMETER READINGS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 30.14; Geraldton, 30.23; Perth, 30.30; Esperance Bay, 30.22; Eucla, 30.12; Streaky Bay, 30.21; Adelaide, 30.31; Robe, 30.30; Portland, 30.28; Melbourne, 30.37; Wilson's Promontory, 30.36; Gabo Island, 30.37; Cape St. George, 30.29; Newcastle, 30.47; Port Macquarie, 30.53; Clarence Heads, 30.45; Brisbane, 30.45; Rockhampton, 30.35; Mackay, 30.28.

RAIN REGISTRATIONS.

New South Wales (for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Armidale, 54 points, Barraba 11, Bendemeer 49, Bingara 60, Bundarra 56, Byron Bay 74, Camden Haven 15, Clarence 48, Casino 57, Emmaville 86, Glen Innes 90, Grafton 70, Inverell 28, Kempsey 45, Lismore 51, Manilla 4, Manning Heads 5, Millie 9, Moree 3, Mungundi 1, Nambucca 52, Narrabri 8, Port Macquarie 28, Tabulam 33, Tamworth 8, Taree 4, Tenterfield 30, Tibooburra 15, Uralla 35, Walcha 35, Warialda 23, Woolgoolga 27, Yetman 10.

Additional at 6 p.m., Thursday.—Tweed Heads 52 points, Port Macquarie 2.

SCOPE OF RAINFALL.

New South Wales.—Light to heavy over the N.E. quarter of the State.

South Australia.—Light to moderate over western districts.

Western Australia.—Moderate to heavy in the extreme south.

SYNOPSIS.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended 9 a.m.).—Unsettled conditions prevailed in the north, and light to heavy rains were recorded over the north-eastern quarter of the State, and 15 points at Tibooburra, in the far N.W., fine and pleasant weather obtained in other parts.

Queensland.—Cloudy over southern districts, and at scattered seaboard stations.

Tasmania.—Fine and clear to fine, but cloudy generally, showery on the west coast.

South Australia.—Overcast and unsettled throughout; raining steadily over western districts.

Victoria.—Principally fine, clear, and frosty, partially cloudy on the western border and along the coast.

Western Australia.—Generally fine, but cloudy to overcast, with showers in the extreme south.

New Caledonia.—Fine and clear at Gomen.

RIVER REPORTS.

The heights of the inland rivers on Thursday were as follow:—Albury, 10ft; Balranald, 15ft; Bingara, low; Boggabilla, 1ft; Booligal, 4ft 3in; Bourke, low; Brewarrina, 2ft 3in; Condobolin, 2ft 4in, f; Cowra, 2ft 8in; Dubbo, 3ft; Euabalong, 7ft, f; Euston, 26ft 4in; Goodooga, low; Gundagai, 9ft; Gunnedah, low; Hay, 12ft 6in; Hillston, 2ft; Kunopia, low; Louth, 1ft 2in; Manilla, low; Menindie, 1ft 10in; Mogil Mogil, low; Mungundi, 1ft 7in; Moama, 38ft 9in; Moulamein, 10ft 8in; Narrandera, 17ft, r; Pooncarie, 3ft 1in; Tilpa, low; Torumwal, 17ft 6in; Wagga Wagga, 11ft; Wentworth, 16ft 6in; Wilcannia, 1ft 11in; Yetman, 2ft; Barwon River, at Walgett, 4ft 9in; stationary; Namoi River, at Walgett, 2ft, stationary.

Note.—R, rising; F, falling.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, fresh, fine, sea moderate; Clarence Heads, S, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, SE, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, NW, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Manning Heads, N, light, cloudy, sea slight; Seal Rocks, SE, light, fine, sea slight; Port Stephens, NE, light, fine, sea moderate; Newcastle, NE, moderate, fine, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, NE, fresh, fine, sea moderate; Catherine Hill Bay, NE, fresh fine, sea moderate; Barranjoey, NE, fresh, fine, sea slight; South Head, NNE, fresh, fine, sea slight; Wollongong, NE, fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Kiama, NE, strong, fine, sea moderate; Crookhaven Heads, NE, fresh, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, N, strong, cloudy, sea slight; Ulladulla, calm, fine, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, NE, fresh, hazy, sea smooth; Moruya, N, moderate, fine, sea slight; Eden, N, light, cloudy, sea slight; Green Cape, N, light, cloudy, sea slight; Gabo Island, N, light, cloudy, sea slight.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Becoming cloudy and unsettled generally, followed by rain over greater part of the State within the next three days; NE winds; mild temperatures. The late dry westerly wind control superseded, and conditions more humid and promising.—H. A. Hunt.

Victoria.—Some light rains probable over western and far western districts, fine and cloudy elsewhere; winds light and variable inland, north-westerly along the coast and at times fresh; sea rising slightly.—P. Baracchi.

South Australia.—Generally unsettled to raining; south-east to north-east winds, smooth to moderate sea.—R. F. Griffiths.

Western Australia.—Mostly fine, but there may be a few showers in extreme south-west and south.—W. E. Cooke.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR AUG. 17.

Sun rises 6.32 a.m., sets 5.26 p.m.; moon, 4.27 a.m., 2.32 p.m.; Mercury, 5.55 a.m., 4.55 p.m.; Venus, 8.28 a.m., 8.54 p.m.; Mars, 6.9 a.m., 4.32 p.m.; Jupiter, 3.25 a.m., 1.29 p.m.; Saturn, 6.49 p.m., 7.45 a.m.

New moon, Aug. 20; moon's first quarter Aug. 27.
High water at Fort Denison, 6.21 a.m., 6.47 p.m.

QUEENSLAND RAINFALLS.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The principal rainfalls during the 24 hours ended 9 a.m. to-day were:—

South: Beaudesert 26 points, Beenleigh 20, Bell 35, Boonah 35, Cabarlah 27, Cambooya 35, Cooroy 43, Crow's Nest 27, Dalby 25, Dalveen 50, Dungandan 35, Esk 26, Forest Hill 33, Gatton 37, Grandchester 29, Hendon 40, Jondaryan 32, Jimbour 28, Kammerungur 41, Killarney 27, Kenilworth 30, Laidley 32, Landsborough 163, Lowood 34, Marburg 27, Mapleton 42, Nerang 27, North Pine 39, Nambour 55, Oxenford 31, Palmwoods 52, Rosewood 20, Tewantin 29, Toowoomba 24, Warra 20, Woodford 25, Woombye 58, Yandina 55.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m.
Ballina, Broadwater, and Wardell (R.R.).—City of Grafton, 1 p.m.
Port Macquarie.—Pyrmont, 4 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 5.30 p.m.
Noumea.—St. Louis, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Byron Bay.—Cavanba, 8 a.m.
Tathra.—Bega, 9 a.m.
Wellington, etc., N.Z. (direct).—Wimmera, 11 a.m.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, from Wellington.—Ruapehu, 11 a.m.
Brisbane.—Marloo, 11 a.m.
Richmond River.—Tomki, 1 p.m.
Nambucca Heads and Macksville.—Rock Lily, 4 p.m.
Macleay River.—Hastings, 4 p.m.
Macleay River.—Burrawong, 1 p.m.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawke, 4 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kyogle, 8 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide and Fremantle.—Kanowna, 9.30 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and North-West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Flora, 9.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Wareatea, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Hobart (direct).—Oonah, 11 a.m.
Eden.—Eden, 1 p.m.
Port Macquarie.—Wauchope, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Fiji, Samoa, and Tonga.—Navua, 11 a.m.
Fanning Island (from Fiji).—Iris, 11 a.m.
Wardell (R.R.).—Ramornie, 1 p.m.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawke, 4 p.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per R.M.S. Victoria, 5.30 p.m.
R.M.S. Victoria (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 5.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—R.M.S. Victoria, 5.30 p.m.
Dunedin, etc (N.Z.), via Melbourne.—Moeraki, 5.30 p.m.
Hobart, via Melbourne.—Moeraki, 5.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 5.30 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.
Byron Bay.—Noorebar, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

Auckland, etc, N.Z. (direct).—Zealandia, 11 a.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and North-West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Flora, 7 p.m.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Aug. 16.

Macedonia, R.M.S., 10,512 tons, Captain C. D. Bennett, R.N.R., from London, via ports. Passengers—Mr. A. Chester, Mrs. Chester and infant, Mr. S. P. Fraser, Mr. W. Roberts, Mrs. Roberts and child, Dr. S. Jamieson, Mrs. Jamieson, Miss J. Memiter, Misses Taylor (2), Madame Mouton, Mr. H. S. Johnson, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Gibson, Miss F. M. Paine, Mr. Cabiac, Mrs. Cabiac, Mr. L. Bersch, Mr. Gower, Mr. J. Royle, Mrs. Royle, Mrs. L. Clarkson, Mr. E. H. Workman, Mr. M. Lesser, Surgeon-Major Turnbull, Mr. E. D. Beattie, Mr. L. D. Holt. A Gordon Wesche, acting agent.

Navua, s, 2930 tons, Captain D. M'Lean, from Tonga, Samoa, and Fiji. Passengers—Misses Chambers (3), Hill (2), Wastney, Johnson, Mesdames Cook, Compbell, Gebbie, Shipley, Peterson, Carey, Bamford, Walker, Sinclair and 2 children, Messrs. Rossiter, Scott-Young, Manson, Cook, Horsley, Campbell, Gebbie, Shipley, Elliott, Bell (2), Ludbrook, Hill, Graham, Peterson, Munro, Leary, Davies, Schyle, Holmes, Bamford, Lowater, Walker, Pflager, Reade (2), Sullivan, Plummer, and Herr von Steeton. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Prinz Sigismund, s, 3302 tons, Captain D. Lenz, from Kobe and Nagasaki (Japan), via Hongkong, Manila, Frederick Wilhelmshafen (German New Guinea), and Simpson's Hafen (New Britain). Passengers—Mrs. M. Mouton, Mrs. Jones, Messrs. Guiler, Camillo Barruete, Edward O. Barton, M. Geismar, N. Krosenezoff, F. W. Eberhardt, Harry Gurton, A. Wistuba, von Schuchen, L. Schroeder, A. Hansen, A. Horgreen, W. Leonhard, Buickmann, Thomas Acton, Paul, W. M'Pherson, and Buelefeld. Lohmann and Co., agents.

Ayrshire, s, 7252 tons, Captain Coull, from Liverpool, via Adelaide and Melbourne. Passengers—Mrs. Ralston, Mr. A. Richardson, and 26 in the steerage, in addition to 162 immigrants for New Zealand ports. Birt and Co., Limited, agents.

Wollowra, s, 2631 tons, Captain David Kerr, from Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, and Brisbane. Passengers—31 in the saloon and 61 in the steerage. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Namoi, s, 1414 tons, Captain Warne, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Cavanba, s, 572 tons, Captain R. R. Davis, from Byron Bay. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Wonga Fell, s, 2898 tons, Captain Donaldson, from Newcastle, W. Scott, Fell, and Co., Ltd., agents.

Tuncurry, s, 162 tons, Captain O'Bierne, from Cape Hawke. Allen Taylor and Co., Limited, agents.

Oonah, s, 1757 tons, Captain J. V. Bentley, from Hobart. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Rosedale, s, 274 tons, Captain J. O. Anderson, from Manning River. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Oopack, s, 3883 tons, Captain Paddle, from Brisbane. Gilchrist, Watt, and Sanderson, Limited, agents.

Narooma, s, 105 tons, Captain Tanglin, from Camden Haven. Allen Taylor and Co., Limited, agents.

Kyogle, s, 702 tons, Captain E. Farrell, from Clarence River. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Recorder, cable steamer, 1201 tons, Captain Neagle, from a cable testing cruise. Eastern Extension, Australasia and China Telegraph Company, Limited, agents.

Pyrmont, s, 213 tons, Captain J. Lundie, from Port Macquarie, via Manning River. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Marloo, s, 2628 tons, Captain K. A. Berg, from Melbourne. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Marathon, s, 6772 tons, Captain Allen, from Newcastle. Dalgety and Co., Limited, agents.

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Buninyong, s, 2070 tons, Captain Hurford, from Brisbane, via Newcastle. Burns, Philp, and Co., Ltd., agents.

City of Grafton, s, 825 tons, Captain W. B. Nelson, from Richmond River. North Coast S.N. Co., Ltd., agents.

Myee, s, 145 tons, from Port Macquarie. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Tomki, s, 539 tons, Captain J. Archer, from Richmond River. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Wimmera, s, 2960 tons, Captain W. J. Wyllie, from Newcastle. Huddart, Parker, and Co. Proprietary, Ltd., agents.

Queen Helena, s, 4224 tons, Captain Currie, from Newcastle, en route to Valparaiso. Howard Smith Company, Ltd., agents.

DEPARTURES.—Aug. 16.

Recorder, cable steamer, on a cable-testing cruise.
Cape Corrientes, s, for Newcastle.
Indradeo, s, for Talcahuano, via Newcastle.
Kate Tatham, bqtn, for Napier, via Newcastle.
Ururoa, sch, for Wanganui, via Newcastle.
Nardoo, s, for Adelaide, via Newcastle.
Time, s, for Adelaide, via Newcastle.
Oonah, s, for Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Aug. 17.

St. Louis, s, for Noumea; Wollowra, s, for Melbourne, Geelong, Portland, Warrnambool, and Port Fairy; Cycle, s, for Melbourne (cargo only); City of Grafton, s, for Richmond River; Pyrmont, s, for Port Macquarie; Peterborough, s, for Nowra and Shoalhaven; Allowrie, s, for Ulladulla, Bateman's Bay, Clyde River, and Nelligen; Illawarra and South Coast S. N. Company's steamer for Wollongong and Kiama; Tuncurry, s, for Cape Hawke, Forster, Wallamba River, Nabiac, Krambach, and Coolongolook; Friendship, s, for Tweed River; Woy Woy, s, for Gosford and Wyong; Narara, s, for Hawkesbury River and Newport; Hawkesbury, s, for Hawkesbury River, Pittwater, and Newport; Newcastle, s, for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—Aug. 16.

Navua, s, 2930 tons, Captain D. M'Lean, for Newcastle.

Oonah, s, 1757 tons, Captain J. V. Bentley, for Newcastle.

Karori, s, 1863 tons, Captain Pennington, for Strahan.

Ururoa, schr, 196 tons, Captain J. Bushell, for Wanganui, via Newcastle.

Governor Cairns, schr, 68 tons, Captain J. M'George, for Noumea.

Indradeo, s, 5315 tons, Captain T. Darley, for Talcahuano, via Newcastle.

COASTER OUTWARD.—Aug. 16.

Myee, s, for Port Macquarie.

IMPORTS.—Aug. 16.

Navua, s, from Tonga, Samoa, and Fiji: 10,084 sks copra, 145 sks cocoa, 151 sks fungus, 65 sks gum, 290 sks coconuts, 25 sks and 4 bdls hides, 2 sks bones and horns, 3169 bchs bananas, 533 cs bananas, 13 cs yams, 7 cs coconuts, 91 bdls empty sacks, and sundries.

Oonah, s, from Hobart: 8265 cs 106 ½-cs fruit, 742 cs pulp, 517 cs jam, 276 cs desserts, 60 cks ale, 49 bls hops, 323 bdls and 628 pes timber, 18 bls leather, 16 bgs turnips, 1 box gold (Bank of New South Wales), and sundries.

Cape Corrientes, s, from Port Pirie: 5047 brs lead, and through cargo for Newcastle.

St. Louis, s, from Noumea: 900 sks cobalt, 239 sks copra, 180 loose 390 bdls hides, 30 bgs bones, 500 bdls sandalwood, and sundries.

Wollowra, s, from Queensland ports: 463 bnchs bananas, 17 logs cedar, 180 bls wool, 65 cs tomatoes, 140 bgs ore, 10 am. cylinders, 20 csks molasses, 380 cs pines, 22 bgs chocolate, 10 cs vinegar, 40 bgs bottles, 120 bgs potatoes, 14 cs fruit, 64 bgs bacon, 20 bgs ham, 20 cs lard, 103 doors, 10 bgs bottles, and sundries.

EXPORTS.—Aug. 16.

Governor Cairns, sch, for Noumea: 20 anchors, 40 kgs wh. lead, 60 kgs paint, 30 cs oil, 10 cs candles, 20 ovens and covers, 10 drs tar, 320 bgs flour, 10 bgs pollard, 10 bgs beans, 15 cls rope, 20 cs meats, 35 cs biscuits, 25 bars iron, and sundries.

Custom-house.—Entered outward: Aug. 16, Ayrshire, s, for London, via New Zealand ports; Constance Craig, bq, for Auckland, via Newcastle; Silver Cloud, bqtne, for Auckland, via Newcastle; Macedonia, R.M.S., for London, via ports; Navua, s, for Fiji, Samoa, and Tonga; St. Louis, s, for Noumea; Norfolk, s, for South Africa and London.

The Union Company's steamer Oonah, which arrived here at 9.15 yesterday morning, left Hobart at 11.30 a.m., and experienced light northerly and westerly winds with smooth seas throughout.

The Adelaide Company's steamer Wollowra, which arrived here at 8 a.m. yesterday with 94 passengers from Queensland ports, made an exceedingly good run from Brisbane, considering the adverse state of the weather from Cape Moreton as far as Seal Rocks. The voyage was commenced from Cairns at 11 p.m. on the 8th inst, and calls were made at Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, and Brisbane en route. The latter port was left on Tuesday last, and the Pile Light was cleared at 6 p.m. After passing Cape Moreton strong southerly winds and high head seas were experienced. The Wollowra brings a full cargo of Queensland produce.

The steamer Surada, of the British India S.N. Company's fleet, now berthed at Parbury's Wharf, will be removed to-day to Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co.'s Wharf, Circular Quay, to load general cargo for Calcutta. She is timed to sail on Sunday next.

The Blue Funnel liner Oopack, which returned to Sydney yesterday from Brisbane and proceeded to Darling Island, will be berthed at the Central Wharf to-day to continue loading for London. She will be despatched from this port on Tuesday next, and is expected to reach her destination on Oct. 10.

The German barque Bille, which left Delagoa Bay in ballast on June 29 for Newcastle, passed Sydney Heads in tow at 4.50 p.m. yesterday. She is to load coal on behalf of Messrs. J. and A. Brown for the West Coast of South America.

The steamer Indradeo, which is to load coal on behalf of W. Scott Fell and Co., Limited, for Talcahuano, left Sydney last night for Newcastle, and will return to this port to complete loading. Captain T. Darley took the vessel to the northern port.

Fresh southerly winds, with a moderate south-easterly swell and dull weather conditions were experienced by the steamer Cavanba on the run down the coast from Byron Bay.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Oroya, from London bound to Sydney, arrived at Fremantle at 6.10 p.m. yesterday.

The R.M.S. Omrah, from Sydney, arrived at Brisbane yesterday.

The R.M.S. Orotava, from Sydney bound to London, arrived at Adelaide yesterday, and left again for Fremantle.

The F.M.S. Ville de la Ciotat, from Sydney bound to Marseilles, left Melbourne yesterday for Adelaide.

PASSENGERS BY THE MANUKA.

The following is a list of the passengers by the Union Company's steamer Manuka, which left Sydney on Wednesday afternoon last for Auckland:—Mr. and Mrs. Skerman, Mr. and Mrs. Bowie, Mr. and Mrs. Gillingham, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Dowling, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Dennett, Mesdames Foster, Copland, Dansby, Irwin, Kingdon, A. Colbeck, Misses Irwin, Shiels, E. A. Lloyd, Rossiter, Kitson, Mann, Messrs. A. Hopkins, T. Torrington, M. O. Grainger, W. E. Woodware, J. Thornton, C. B. Bradley, J. J. Mackey, Master Mackey, F. Winch, A. George, A. E. Manning, R. T. Carter, J. W. Spratt, Gregory, J. E. Hansen, Granville, S. Williams, R. Kingdon, and 46 in the steerage.

ARRIVAL OF THE PRINZ SIGISMUND.

The German steamer Prinz Sigismund, of the fleet of the Nord-deutscher, arrived last night from Japan and China, via the Bismarck Archipelago, and anchored in Watson's Bay for the night. Upon being granted pratique this morning she will berth at the Quay. Commander D. Lenz reports having left Kobe, Japan, with a general cargo on July 17, and having passed through the Inland Sea completed coaling operations at Nagasaki on July 19. The voyage was resumed the same day for Hongkong, where the vessel arrived on July 23. She sailed again the next afternoon and arrived in Manila on July 27. The Prinz Sigismund proceeded on July 28 for German New Guinea and New Britain ports, and arrived on Aug. 5 at Fredrick Wilhelmshafen (New Guinea). Simpsonhafen (in New Britain) was left on the 10th inst for Sydney direct.

Fine weather and moderate winds ruled in the Inland and China seas, but in the Formosa Channel and till Hongkong was reached there were evidences of a typhoon with a high swell. These conditions continued till Manila. Light and moderate winds prevailed in the Celebes Sea and on the run from the islands.

THE NAVUA, FROM THE ISLANDS.

The Union Company's island steamer Navua, one of the latest additions to the fleet, arrived at Sydney at 10 o'clock yesterday morning from another successful cruise among the islands of the Tonga, Samoa, and Fiji groups. Captain D. M'Lean reports having left Auckland at 5 p.m. on July 24, and arrived at Tonga at 3.50 p.m. on July 28. The voyage was resumed at 6 a.m. on July 30, and after a call at Haabai, Vavau was reached at 1.30 p.m. on July 31. The Navua left Vavau at 1.25 a.m. on Aug. 1, and arrived at Apia, Samoa, at 7.50 a.m. on Aug. 2. She left Apia at midnight on Aug. 3, and worked Mulifanua on Aug. 4. The steamer arrived at Levuka at 2.30 p.m. on August 6, and left at noon on Aug. 7. Suva was reached at 5 p.m. the same day, and left at 6 a.m. on Aug. 9. A call was made at Likuri, and the Navua arrived at Lautoka at 4.45 p.m. on Aug. 9. The lastnamed port was left at midnight for Sydney direct. Heavy rains, moderate seas, and northerly winds were experienced from Auckland to Tonga, and fine weather ruled through the island cruise. Slight SW winds and fine weather were experienced on the run to Sydney.

THE EMPIRE DUE THIS MORNING.

The managing agents for the Eastern and Australian S.S. Company's mail line, Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., were yesterday in receipt of advice from their Brisbane house to the effect that the steamer Empire, from Japan and China, left Brisbane at 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

She is therefore due at Sydney Heads early this morning, and will berth at the company's wharf, Circular Quay, at about 10 a.m.

THE RIPPINGHAM GRANGE.

A private cable advice has been received in Sydney stating that the Houlder liner Rippingham Grange has sailed from Middlesborough with a full cargo of railway iron for the New Zealand Government. She will proceed direct to Dunedin.

THE BRUNDAH LEAVES DURBAN.

A cable message was yesterday received by the North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, stating that the new steamer Brundah sailed from Durban, South Africa, on Sunday last, en route from Glasgow bound to Sydney. The Brundah, which has been specially built for the requirements of the Richmond River trade, is in command of Captain J. J. Simpson, and is expected to reach Sydney about Sept. 7.

THE GELLIBRAND LIGHT.

All-round satisfaction is expressed in shipping circles at the efficiency of the new Gellibrand lightship. On the night of the 9th inst, when the atmosphere was very clear, the reflection of the light is said to have been dimly seen by the keeper of the South Channel light at a distance of 27½ miles, that official having notified Mr. C. W. Maclean, engineer in charge of ports and harbours, of the circumstance.

THE LOSS OF THE LISMORE.

Further particulars are to hand by the English mail respecting the loss of the ship Lismore, with great sacrifice of life, whilst she was on a voyage to Chili from Williamstown. The survivors report that the vessel struck a bank, and was abandoned, in a sinking condition, about 10 miles from Talcahuano, presumably on the night of May 26. The whole of the crew took to the life-boat, but it was upset during darkness, all the occupants, excepting the chief officer and three men, being drowned. A steamer which arrived at Coronel on May 27 reported having passed a full-rigged ship ashore on Santa Maria Island, close to Delicada Point. It is supposed that this ship was the Lismore.

THE RENE KERVILER.—AN INSTANCE OF THE BOUNTY SYSTEM.

The French barque Rene Kervilar arrived at Hobart at 10 a.m. yesterday, in ballast, from Dunkirk, the bounty on the distance sailed compensating the owners for the absence of an outward freight, and giving them the choice of ordering their ship from Hobart to Australian coal-loading ports, Chilian nitrate ports, or San Francisco, according to the state of the foreign markets, besides receiving the bounty on the entire distance sailed. The Rene Kerviler, it may be added, is only one of 11 French vessels now on the way to Hobart from various parts of the world. Most of them should arrive there during the current month.

SAILING VESSELS DUE.

The following sailing vessels are now due at Sydney:—

Bertha, bq, from Hamburg—104 days.
Celtic Monarch, sh, from Bellingham—55 days.
Henry Failing, sh, from Port Hadlock—65 days.
J. T. North, bq, from New York—85 days.
Nostra Signora del Carmine, bq, from Marseilles—107 days.
Sokoto, 4m bq, from Antofagasta—79 days.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

CAIRNS (1400 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Wodonga, s, from Sydney.

TOWNSVILLE (1370 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Durham, s, from Brisbane. Dep: Aug. 16, Wildfield, s, for Cairns; Australian, s, for Hongkong.

FLAT TOP ISLAND (1125 miles).—Dep: Aug. 16, Ourska, s, for Adelaide.

KEPPEL BAY (877 miles).—Dep: Aug. 16, Coolgardie, s, for Townsville.

MARYBOROUGH (660 miles).—Dep: Aug. 16, Sylvan, s, for Townsville.

CAPE MORETON (472 miles).—Passed: Aug. 16, Volute, s, north.

BRISBANE (500 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Omrah, R.M.S., and Arawatta, s, both from Sydney; Bungaree, s, from Townsville; Wyandra, s, from Cooktown; Mareeba, s, from Tahiti; Augusta, s, from Richmond River.

BYRON BAY (345 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Noorebar, s, at 9.20 a.m.

RICHMOND HEADS (231 miles).—Dep: Aug. 16, Macleay, s, at 6 a.m; Wyoming, s, at 6.25 a.m.

CLARENCE HEADS (296 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Kallatina, s, at 6.30 a.m.; Macleay, s, at 10.30 a.m. Passed: Aug. 16, Wyoming, s, at noon, south; Harmonie, s, at 11.25 a.m., large steamer at 5 p.m., both north.

WOOLGOOLGA (254 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Dumbalo, s, at 8.30 a.m. Passed: Aug. 16, steamer at 10 a.m., hull down, south; Kumano Maru, J.M.S., at noon, Konoowarra, s, at 3 p.m., St. George, s, at 4 p.m., all north.

NAMBUCCA HEADS (273 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Lansdowne, ktch, at 4.30 p.m. Dep: Aug. 16, Rock Lily, s, at 5.45 p.m., for Macleay River.

SOUTH-WEST ROCKS (209 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Hastings, s, at 5.55 a.m., Burrawong, s, at 6.10 a.m., Nerong, s, from north, at 4.20 p.m. Dep: Aug. 16, Nymboida, s, left bay at 11.30 a.m. for south.

SMOKY CAPE (205 miles).—Passed: Aug. 16, Friendship, s, at noon, small steamer, white funnel, black top, at 1.45 p.m., like John Williams, s, at 5.30 p.m., all south; large steamer, red funnel, black top, at 1.45 p.m., north.

PORT MACQUARIE (174 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Wauchope, s, at 2.45 p.m.

TACKING POINT (169 miles).—Passed: August 16, Empire, s, at 3.40 p.m., south.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS (159 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Ladysmith, ktch, at 5.20 p.m. Dep: Aug. 16, Australia, sch, at 5 p.m., Myall, sch, at 6 p.m.

CROWDY HEAD (147 miles).—Passed: Aug. 16, Nymboida, s, at 5.20 p.m., south.

MANNING HEADS (144 miles).—Dep: Aug. 16, Pyrmont, s, at 6.50 a.m., Annie, ktch, at 7 a.m.

SEAL ROCKS (109 miles).—Passed: Aug. 16, Bellinger, s, at 3 p.m., Dorrigo, s, at 3.55 p.m., Cooloon, s, at 4.30 p.m., Nairnshire, s, at 5.10 p.m., all north.

PORT STEPHENS (83 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Koorainah, ktch, at 6 p.m. Passed: Aug. 16, small steamer, at 6 a.m., Gleaner, ktch, and Shannon, sch, at 10.30 a.m., Candidate, ktch, at 10.45 a.m., Pyrmont, s, at 1.10 p.m., ship in tow at 4.10 p.m., City of Grafton, s, at 5.10 p.m., Tomki, s, at 6 p.m., all south; Commonwealth, s, at 3.15 p.m., north.

LAKE MACQUARIE HEADS (54 miles).—Dep: Aug. 16, Colo, s, at 4 p.m., for Sydney.

NEWCASTLE (62 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Beagle, s, Cape Corrientes, s, Derwent, s, Nardoo, s, Newcastle, s, Time, s, Cooloon, s, Dorrigo, s, Alice, s, Tarshaw, s, Kiama, s, Ardova, s, all from Sydney; Magdaline, s, and Hawke, s, both from Port Stephens; Dunmore, s, and Buninyong, s, both from Brisbane; Cape Corso, s, from Lyttelton; Ben Nevis, s, from Hongkong; Trilby, s, from Sydney; Storm King, s, from Port Stephens; Kincumber, s, from Manning River; Cassius, sh, from Dunedin; Gleaner, ktch, from the north. Dep: Aug. 16, Wonga Fell, s, for Port Pirie, via Sydney; Aldridge, s, for Melbourne; Storm King, s, Magdaline, s, and Baden Powell, s, all for Port Stephens; Dorrigo, s, and Cooloon, s, both for Tweed River; Commonwealth, s, for Cape Hawke; Tarshaw, s, Beagle, s, Hawke, s, Trilby, s, Wimmera, s, Marathon, s, Alice, s, Buninyong, s, Cavan, sch, all for Sydney; Queen Helena, s, for Valparaiso; Henley, s, for Guaymas; Kincumber, s, for Manning River.

CATHERINE HILL BAY (48 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Illaroo, s, at 6 a.m., from Sydney. Dep: Aug. 16, Wallarah, s, for Sydney. Aug. 16, Illaroo, s, at noon, for Sydney.

SOUTH HEAD (4 miles).—Passed: Aug. 16, Bille, German ship, in tow, at 4.50 p.m., bound from Delagoa Bay to Newcastle.

WOLLONGONG (41 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Sphene, s, at 5 a.m., Kurrara, s, at 8.30 a.m., Werfa, s, at 3 p.m., all from Sydney. Dep: Aug. 16, Palmerston, s, at 3 a.m., Timaru, s, at 5 a.m., both for Sydney; Eden, s, at 1.50 p.m., for south.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS (74 miles).—Dep: Aug. 16, Peterborough, s, at 7.20 p.m., for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY (87 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Raphael, sch, at 1 p.m., from north. Passed: Aug. 16, Marloo, s, at 9.5 a.m., north.

BATEMAN'S BAY (134 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Allowrie, s, at 6 a.m., from Ulladulla.

MORUYA HEADS (141 miles).—Passed: Aug. 16, Komura, s, at 1.30 p.m., north.

BERMAGUI (169 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Bega, s, at 2.30 p.m., from Tathra. Dep: Aug. 16, Bega, s, at 5 p.m., for Sydney.

EDEN (210 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Wakatipu, s, at 5.30 p.m., from Sydney.

GREEN CAPE (218 miles).—Passed: Aug. 16, New Guinea, s, at 8.10 a.m., north.

GABO (238 miles).—Passed: Aug. 16, M'Ilwraith, M'Eacharn steamer, at 4.27 a.m., steamer, red funnel, black top, at 6.40 a.m., both north, Huddart, Parker steamer, at 6.30 a.m., south; M'Ilwraith steamer, at 2.12 a.m., Kamona, s, at 7.10 a.m., Chingtu, s, at 8.5 a.m., Glaucus, s, at 1.45 p.m., all west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (425 miles).—Passed outward: Aug. 16, a steamer at 2.30 a.m., St. Francis, sh, at 8.35 a.m., for Newcastle, reports "all well."

HOBART (648 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Moeraki, s, at 9.10 a.m., from New Zealand; Rene Kerviler, sh, at 10 a.m., from Dunkirk; Zephyr, bqtn, at 3.20 p.m., from Melbourne. Dep: Aug. 16, Mooraki, s, at 5.10 p.m., for Melbourne.

DEVONPORT WEST (498 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Kakapo, s, at 2 p.m., from Sydney, via Beauty Point.

STANLEY (553 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Melbourne, s, at 11.45 a.m., from Melbourne. Dep: Aug. 16, Melbourne, s, at 4.15 p.m., for Devonport.

EDDYSTONE.—Passed: Aug. 16, Warrimoo, s, at 1 p.m., south.

MELBOURNE (576 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Chillagoe, s, from Newcastle; Bombala, s, from Adelaide; Salamis, s, from London; Aramac, s, from Cooktown, via Sydney; Flora, s, from Devonport. Dep: Aug. 16, Ville de la Ciotat, F.M.S., for Marseilles; C.J.S., bq, for Mauritius; Hobart, s, for Adelaide; Jane Moorhead, ktch, for Wynyard (Tas.); Mariner, ktch, for Hobart.

ADELAIDE (1084 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Orotava, R.M.S., from the eastern States; Rupara, s, from Newcastle-on-Tyne. Dep: Aug. 16, Orotava, R.M.S., for London; Monaro, s, and Riverina, s, both for the eastern States.

ALBANY (2100 miles).—Dep: Aug. 16, Cooeyanna, s, for Fremantle. Passed: Aug. 16, a two-masted steamer with white funnel and black top, east.

FREMANTLE (2406 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Oroya, R.M.S., at 6.10 p.m., from London.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON (1230 miles).—Arr: Aug. 15, Manuwai, s, from Sydney; Port Stephens, s, from Newcastle.

PORT CHALMERS (1235 miles).—Arr: Aug. 16, Rarotane, s, from Hobart.

FIRE AT THE REDFERN YARDS.

About 5 a.m. yesterday a fire broke out among some weatherboard sheds used as shunters' rests at the Redfern railway yards, and considerable damage was done. The fire was extinguished by the M.F.B. and railway employees with the aid of one hydrant. The origin of the fire was ascribed to some naked lights.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

Again a rather active tone prevailed on 'Change, a goodly number of sales being reported at firm prices. New South Wales 3½ per cent. Funded Stock, due 1915, sold at the previous rate. No business was done in bank shares, but buyers offered 2s 6d more for Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, and 5s less for National of Australasia preferred. A.J.S. "B" deposits rose 3d, E. S. and A. inscribed ditto being quitted at the previously current rate. Balmain New Ferry advanced 2s. Sydney Ferries going at an unchanged rate. East Greta and Wallsend Coal were both placed at previous prices, as also were Colonial Sugar, and Mort's Dock ordinary. Permanent Trustee sold at 1d below last reported sale price, and Sydney Hydraulic at 6d advance.

The following sales were reported:—Forenoon: New South Wales 3½ per cent. Funded Stock, 1915, £100; Permanent Trustee, 5s 5d; Wallsend Coal, £25. Noon: E.S. and A. Bank, preferred, 13s 6d; A.J.S. Bank "B" deposits, 13s; Colonial Sugar, £41 17s 6d; Sydney Hydraulic (paid), 39s. Later: Balmain New Ferry, 40s; Sydney Ferries, 65s. Afternoon: Nil. Later: East Greta Coal, 23s 9d; Mort's Dock, ordinary, 16s 6d.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital Paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. per annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	*Yield to Investor.
STOCK.					£	£	£	p.c.
N.S.W. F., due 1912**	4,006,702	...	...	3	88	87	87½	3¾
Do., due 1912**	1,250,175	...	...	3½	100½	99	100	3½
Do., due 1919**	2,549,350	...	...	4	102	101½	102	3¾
Do., due 1924-3**	...	...	...	3	90½	89	...	...
Do., due 1915**	...	...	...	3½	100	99½	100½	...
Do., Act 1873	880,100	...	...	4	107	107	...	3½
Do., 4 p.c., due 19??	880,000	...	...	4	100½	100	101	...
Do., Deb. 1908	...	...	...	4	...	100	...	...
Do., T. Bills, 1905	1,109,700	...	...	3½	100	99	...	...
Ditto	203,000	...	...	4	110	100	101	3¾
N.Z. Do., 1909	300,000	...	...	4	118½	102	103½	3¾
Queens. deb., 1915	...	...	...	4	99½	101	...	...
Do., Tr. Bills	550,000	...	...	4	102	102	...	3¾
W.A. Inscr.	...	...	...	4	100	101	...	3¾
Austrln. Gas Deb., 1922	300,000	...	...	4	102½	101	...	...
City Sydney Deb.	220,000	...	...	4	102	102	...	4
Do., 1928	100,000	...	...	4	102	102½	103½	3¾
Co. Sugar D., 1914	...	...	...	5	108	107	...	4¾
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S.	154,528	3½	1	...	...	...	...	...
Aust'lasia	1,600,000	40	40	12	95	100	...	4¾
City++	240,000	10	8	9	70/	67/	...	5¼
New issue++	160,000	10	3	2½	66/	...	67/	6
Commercial of Aust.	94,882	10	10/	...	9/6	10/6	...	...
Ditto pref.	2,117,280	10	10	5	6¼	6	...	4¾
Com. Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	10	30	30	30½	4¼
N. of Aust.	1,192,440	5	5	4	80/dnt	85/	...	4¾
Ditto, pref.	205,780	10	10	5	11/3/	11	...	4½
N.S.W.	2,000,000	20	20	10	47½	47	47½	4¼
N. Zealand	427,319	6⅔	3⅓	5	8/12/6	8½	...	4
N. Queensl'd	100,000	7	2	2½	13/	20/	...	7½
Q'sland Nat.	413,053	5	3	...	15/3	...	18/	...
Roy'l of Q.	451,613	5	...	3½	95/net	90/	...	4¾
Union	1,500,000	75	25	10	51½	51	52	4¾
DEPOSITS.								
A.J.S. Bk.—Class A**	...	...	...	3	19/7½	19/7½	20/	3¾
Class B**	...	...	...	3	13/	12/10½	13/1½	4½
Class B, 1917**	...	...	...	...	12/8	11/9	12/8	...
Do., Insb.**	788,033	...	...	3½	11/3	11/2	11/6	...
Com. of Aus. Deposit**	3,334,903	...	...	3	14/9	15/	...	4
E.S.A. Insc. pref.**	880,419	...	...	3	13/6	13/3	...	4½
Do., def.**	808,738	...	...	4½	[illegible]	18/6	...	5¾
Do., Deb.**	983,547	...	...	4	19/	19/6	19/9	4¼
Q. Nat.	3,116,621	...	...	3½	10/3	10/	...	4½
STEAM.								
Bal. Ferry++	16,420	1	1	7½	40/	39/6	40/	4¾
Illawarra	49,797	1	15/	7	23/	22/9	23/3	4½
How'd Smith 20s paid	250,000	25	20/	10/	...	30/	31/6	6¾
Do., 5s pd.	...	...	...	...	7/	11/6	...	...
Ditto pref	...	20/	5/	5	21/	20/6	21/9	4¾
Ditto, pref., 5s paid	...	...	...	...	5/6	5/6	6/6	4½
Newcastle++	100,000	1	1	8	28/	28/	...	5¾
Nor. Coast++	151,250	1	17/6	7	25/3	25/1	25/3	5½
New Issue	...	...	17/6	...	24/9	24/9	25/9	...
Syd. Fr'mer	140,000	1	1	10	65/	65/	67/	4¼
Port Jackson	25,000	50	25/	10	61/6nt	60/	...	4¼
Ditto deb.	2,745	1	1	5	26/	24/	...	...
INSUR'NCE.								
A.M. Fire	62,500	1	12/6	14	43/6	42/6	44/	4
Mer. Mut.	45,000	1	6/	13½	18/	17/9	...	5
New Zealand	250,000	10	2	15	77/	78/	80/	3¾
N. Q'land	50,000	1	10	8	15/	15/6	...	5¼
United	85,402	...	...	12½	6¼	6	6¼	5½
C. Mut. Fire	100,000	...	20/	12	...	45/	...	...
COAL.								
Bellambi	175,000	1	1	15	46/6	...	46/6	6½
East Greta	121,853	1	1	5	23/9	22/7½	23/9	4
Ditto New	...	1	1	...	23/6	...	23/9	...
Hed'n Greta	42,550	1	1	...	...	7/	...	...
Hetton	122,695	5	5	6	51/	25	40/	12
Newcastle++	100,000	11	10	...	7	7	...	7½
Stockton	95,831	1	1	...	4/6	4/6	...	...
New	...	...	16/	4	1/...	...	...	...
V. of Cl'dd	30,000	1	1	4	27/	25	25½	...
Wallsend	40,000	10	4	+10/	25	...	25¼	4
Waratah	...	...	1/	...	...	6¾	...	...
Wickham & Bulloch Is.	103,077	1	1	...	2/7	2/6	2/10½	...
New Preferential	...	1	13/	...	...	...	...	...
North Bulli	100,000	1	20/	...	14/	13/	14/	...
GAS.								
Albury++	7,500	1	12/6	10	20/3	20/	...	6¼
Australian++	750,000	6	6	13	18¼	18½	18½	4¼
Ditto New++	...	6	2	13	11	11	11¼	4¾
Char. Towers	20,000	10	10/	10	14/0	13/9	15/	6¾
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	56/	56/6	...	5
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	30/4½	30	...	5¼
Maitland	15,000	5	5	8	...	8½	...	4¾
Manly	10,000	1	1	8	31/	31/	...	5
Ditto New	7,5?4	1	15/	8	15/6	24/	...	...
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	7	20/	21/	...	6¾
Newcastle++	45,000	2	2	15	6¼	6¼	6½	...
Nth. Shore++	125,000	1	1	7½	43/	41/6	43/	...
Ditto New	25,000	1	1	7½	21/	42/6	...	3½
BR'W'RIES.								
Australian	48,000	10	10/	...	2/	...	1/9	...
C. and Wood Bros.	250,000	1	1	4	11/	11/	...	...
Perkins'	100,000	15	15/	23½	31/	32/	...	10½
Toohey's	550,000	1	1	4	12/	11/6	12/	6¾
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	8	32/	31/	32/	5¼
MISCEL'N'S.								
Arrons'	17,500	15	10	5	2/	/6	2/	25
Aust. News.	40,000	1	1	...	7/6	8/	...	...
B.H.W. Sup.	285,000	1	1	+6d	22/dnt	22/	...	5½
Burns, Philp	250,000	1	1	...	32/6	32/	...	5¼
New Issue	35,000	1	10	8	15/6	15/9	...	5¼
Brooks & Co.	...	...	...	...	...	19/	22/	...
Do., pref.	...	...	...	...	...	20/	22/	...
Col. Sugar	2,095,290	20	20	10	41½	41½	41¾	4¾
Dalgety & Co.	1,000,000	20	5	6	5/18/	5½	6	5¼
Dunlop Pn. Tyre, pref.	80,000	1	1	7	19/6	23/3	...	6¾
Ens. B'Rail.	...	...	...	...	3/	3/11	5/3	...
Fenn & Pros. Gravel++	27,200	1	16	7	7/	5/6	7/	14
Mel. Trms.	480,000	1	10	12½	28/6	29/6	30/6	4½
M. de Pietro++	74,?19	1	1	10	41/6	40/	42/	4¾
Mort's Dock	200,000	1	1	6	16/6	15/9	17/3	5¾
Ditto, pref	45,?01	1	1	8	21/8	21/6	...	5¾
F. Food, Ice	91,730	12	10/	7	11/9	11/9	12/	6
Shale & Oil	80,000	17/	...	...	1/	11d	1/4	...
New York Tob.	15,000	1	1	...	...	3/	...	...
Perm. Trust.	25,000	5	2/6	10	5/5	5/3	5/6	4½
Perp. Trust.	25,000	10	5/	10	12/6	12/3	...	4
Richardson & Wrench++	63,000	1	1	8	14/	13/6	...	8
Silv. Tram	197,808	1	1	30	92/net	92/6	94/	6¼
Syd. Exch.++	30,000	10	10	6	12½	12	...	5
Syd. Hyd.++	75,000	1	1	10	39/	38/	40/	5¼
Ditto++	87,500	1	10/	10	19/	19/	19/3	5
Ditto Hyd. & G.E.++	15,000	1	10/	15	22/9	23/6	...	9
Tel. Land Gr.	...	...	...	...	120	...	...	...
W. H. Soul, Patt. & Co.	120,200	1	1	10	38/	38/	...	5¼
T. M. Hall	6,000	...	20/	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto, pref.	270	...	20/	...	...	16/6	...	...
Hotel Metropole++	75,000	...	20/	6	...	15/6	...	...
Ditto, pref++	17,507	...	20/	6	...	19/	20/	...
LAND & BD.								
Fuels. Dep.	...	...	...	...	9/	...	...	...
Ind. Prov.	45,550	20	...	6	19	19	...	6
Intere. Inves	37,935	1	15/	10	22/6	25/	...	6½
Newc. B. & I.	...	...	...	6	19/	...	...	...
Syd. Free L.	17,860	...	7	...	3/6	3/3	...	...

*Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one. † Per share. ‡‡ Ex dividend. ** Ex interest. ‡ Call paid. ‡‡ Ex returned capital, 1s.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

To-day's quotations were:—Adelaide Steamship, b £7 14s, s £7 16s; Bank of Adelaide, b £6 17s, s £6 18s; Howard Smith, b 28s 6d, s 31s; Melbourne Trust, b 6s 4d, s 6s 6d; Melbourne Trams, b 20s 6d, s 20s 3d.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

To-day's quotations were:—Queensland National Bank, b 16s 1d, s 16s 4d (forward seller 16s 4d); Queensland 3½ per cent. loan, b £100, s £101; 4 per cent. Treasury Bills, b £102; Chillagoe debentures, cum all arrears of interest, b £65.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—Victorian 3½ per cent. Treasury Bonds, £100 7s 6d; City of Wellington 4 per cents., £100 5s; Commercial Bank, 12s; ditto, preferential, £6 5s, £6 6s; Melbourne Tramways, 20s 3d; Howard Smith, preferential, 20s; paid, 20s 10d.

FINANCIAL.

FURTHER TARIFF BUNGLING.

It is no exaggeration to say that the latest development in the House of Representatives in regard to the spirit duties proved a veritable bombshell among the trade. Mr. Watson's amendment making the two years' provision apply to imported spirits was wholly unexpected. Nor is it practicable in its present form, as was very evident from the state of affairs prevailing in trade circles in Sydney yesterday. In the early part of the day paralysis prevailed at the Customs-house. Importers had either to prove that their spirits had been distilled two years ago or pay 40s per gallon instead of 14s. They certainly may have paid the higher rate on deposit and under protest, but the margin was too great for such a course to prove acceptable. There were accordingly no entries passed during the early part of the day. Many importers believe in certain spirits being two years old before they go into consumption. They recognise that there are certain forcible arguments that may be used from a health point of view why this should be so, but the all-round application of this principle without due notice being given was unanimously condemned. Even in those cases in which age is of benefit, it is considered that at least two years' notice should have been given to enable importers to comply with the law.

MINISTERIAL CHANGE OF FRONT.

Later on in the day the following wire was received by Mr. Lockyer, the Collector of Customs, from Dr. Wollaston, the Comptroller-General, in Melbourne:—

Declaration by importers as to age imported spirits may be accepted at present in cases where you think safe.

When it became known to a limited circle that this order had been issued a few entries were passed, duty to the extent of £150 being received at the 14s rate. This order was, however, quite unacceptable to the trade. Many of them have spirits in bond which may be many years old, but they have not sufficient information to warrant them declaring this to be so, under all the pains and penalties that a false declaration involves under the stringent Customs Act. Nor can they see the justice of giving such discretionary power to the local Collector as to enable him to say upon his own ipse dixit whether their declarations are to be accepted or not. The position is a very complicated one. Many bond certificates have been sold during the past few weeks which are held all over the country. These were purchased in good faith, the buyer fully believing at the time of purchase that he would not be called upon to pay more than 15s per gallon at the outside upon the spirit that the certificates represented. He was neither volunteered, nor did he ask for, information as to the date of distillation. In most cases even had he done so the information could not have been given. Spirits not infrequently consist of blends of many different qualities. Some may be four or five down to three, two, or even perhaps lesser number of years old, yet the average of the blend might very easily exceed the two years' limit. Under these circumstances, even were these facts known to the importer, and in 99 cases out of every 100 it is fair to assume that they are not known, no importer would be hardy enough to make a declaration at the Customs-house that these spirits were two years old. The result was that holders of these certificates which are spread broadcast throughout the country, were faced with the necessity of either allowing their trade to be absolutely shut up or to pay the prohibitive rate of 40s per gallon. Is it surprising under such circumstances that the Customs-house found that practically no duties were being paid.

ACTION BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A meeting was held during the afternoon of the council of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, jointly with the wine and spirit trade sectional committee, under the presidency of Mr. George Wall. The recent developments were considered by this body, and, it is understood, that a telegram was forwarded to the Prime Minister on the subject, asking him to convey to the House of Representatives a protest against the new state of affairs, which had caused a paralysis of business, as evidenced by the amount of revenue received at the Customs-house.

THE TWO YEARS' LIMITATION DISCUSSED.

As already indicated, the trade were not altogether adverse to the two year's limitation. They recognised that from the point of view of public health there may be some justification for its imposition. The opinion is held, however, that whereas the limitation may operate advantageously as far as spirits distilled at a low strength are concerned it is wholly unnecessary and of no benefit whatsoever from the point of view of health as applying to spirits that have been highly rectified. Mr. C. Churchill Tucker, chairman of the Wine and Spirit Association, yesterday expressed an opinion that as far as regards brandies distilled from grapes and whiskies the product of malt the two years' restriction was not without some justification. He pointed out that in these cases age eliminated the fusel oil and other deleterious properties, but in the case of highly rectified spirits, such as gin, schnapps, and, to a lesser degree, in the case of rum, there was absolutely nothing to be gained through giving them age; in fact, in some instances this very age imparted flavours to the spirits which reduced their selling value. Spirits distilled at a high strength have in that process already had all deleterious properties eliminated. In the case of rum the position is a little more involved. That distilled from molasses comes, to some extent, under the same category as gin and schnapps, but rum, having as its basis pure cane juice and distilled at a low strength of, say, 35 or 40 per cent. overproof, certainly does gain something through age, and is accordingly more or less on the same footing as grape brandy and malt whisky. To set down a hard and fast rule as applying to all spirits is therefore to disregard the practical in favour of the theoretical.

WHAT THE WINE TRADE THINK.

The Colonial Wine Trade Association met yesterday, when Dr. Fiaschi presided. A resolution was unanimously carried protesting against any recognition by the Government of "blended" brandy, and contending that the word "brandy" should apply only to the pure grape spirit, and that no blend of that spirit should be encouraged in any form whatsoever. A letter was drafted and forwarded to Sir William Lyne embodying this resolution. Dr. Fiaschi expressed the opinion that blended brandy was most undesirable from the medical point of view.

POLICYHOLDERS IN DEFENCE.

An interesting development in the insurance world is the formation in Germany under influential auspices of an association having for its primary object the protection of German policyholders in the American insurance companies. The committee, which, among others, comprises men of such standing as Dr. Wiegand and the Councillors Lowe and Ravene, will direct its first energies to securing suitable representatives on the board of management of companies such as the New York companies, so as to defend and safeguard the rights of German policyholders. The committee has already got in touch with the Imperial German inspector of private insurance, who will lead support as far as practicable. The number of German policyholders is, of course, but slight in comparison with the holdings in the States, and the committee has therefore made a strong appeal for solidarity of support, and the avoidance of a number of dispersed protection committees. If the German interests can be aggregated, so as to ensure their working hand in hand, the next move will be to approach the vigilance committees of other nations, and hopes are expressed that united action will ensure at least a very respectable minority representation.

RESTRICTIVE BANKING LEGISLATION.

The following clauses are incorporated in what has come to be known as the "Shartel Bill," which has been agreed to by both Houses of Legislature in the United State:—"The total liabilities to any national banking association, of any person, or of any company, corporation, or firm for money borrowed, including in the liabilities of a company or firm the liabilities of the several members thereof, shall at no time exceed one-tenth part of the amount of the capital stock of such association, actually paid in and unimpaired, and one-tenth part of its unimpaired surplus fund, provided, however, that the total liabilities shall in no event exceed 30 per cent. of the capital stock of the company. But the discount of bills of exchange drawn in good faith against actually existing values, and the discount of commercial or business paper actually owned by the person negotiating the same shall not be considered as money borrowed."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Commonwealth gold exports up to date this year have totalled £9,519,000 in value, an increase of £4,101,000 over those for the corresponding period last year.

COMMERCIAL.

There was a big turnover in teas yesterday, both on the open market and at auction. Private sales totalled 470 packages Ceylons and Indians, also 150 new season's China teas; while at auction over 1200 packages Ceylons and nearly 200 Foochows were disposed of. Stronger markets were cabled from Colombo and Calcutta. In groceries business was commonplace. Oils and colours were meeting with the ordinary trade demand. A purchase of 50 tons American barb had the effect of immediately firming the local market for that line, as stocks on hand were low. The more popular sizes of rabbit-proof wire netting in the second grades were scarce on spot. Sales of new season's cornsacks were made at 7s 3d to 7s 4d delivered, but the demand was not from the country. Woolpacks receded to 2s 5½d, and branbags were likewise weaker. The wheat market was inclined to ease; in fact, one large holder put through some business at 3s 5½d per bushel, although others were still asking 3s 6d. The flour trade was practically dead, so far as new business was concerned.

BREADSTUFFS.

The wheat market was depressed. One fairly large holder quitted about a thousand bags at 3s 5½d per bushel Darling Harbour, and several trucks from the country were taken up at the same rate. Few inquiries were received for parcels. In some quarters holders still refused to quote under 3s 6d. The condition of the crop in the north is beginning to cause a little alarm, and on the Western line from Wellington out, unless rain falls shortly, the position will become serious.

Competition for the little local business doing in flour is becoming very keen, but under the circumstances prices have been well maintained. City flours were quoted at £7 15s for parcels, and country makes at £7 10s per ton, with 5s extra demanded for small orders. At Darling Harbour yesterday 254 tons wheat and 73 tons flour were manifested to arrive.

United States Crops.—The July report of the Washington Bureau showed that the winter wheat crops were better, the average condition having advanced from 83.0 on June 1 to 85.6 on July 1. The condition of the spring wheat crops, which are harvested late in September declined from 93.0 on June 1 to 91.4 on July 1. The following comparisons by "Beerbohm's," with estimates for the season based on the foregoing figures, will be interesting:—

WINTER WHEAT.

	Condition. June 1.	July 1.	At harvest.	Acre.	Yield.
1906	82.0	85.6			*400,000,000
1905	85.5	82.7		14.00	419,461,000
1904	77.7	78.7	80.0	12.40	332,935,000

SPRING WHEAT.

	July 1.	Aug. 1.	Sep. 1.	acre.	Yield—bushels.
1906	91.4				*275,000,000
1905	91.0	89.2	87.3	14.70	273,498,000
1904	93.7	87.5	66.2	12.80	229,000,000

*Estimated.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Tea.—Private business was animated yesterday, notwithstanding the auctions. Probably the receipt of cable news that the Calcutta and Colombo markets had advanced helped towards the good sales effected. From Calcutta it was cabled that the Darjeeling market continued very strong, and that the quality of the new Assams was very good. The Colombo message stated that the market was very firm, with an upward tendency, and that prices had risen ½d per lb all round. Sales on the open market comprised 100 packages Indians up to 8d, 70 Indians at 8½d to 10d, 180 Ceylons at 7d to 9½d, 120 Indians and Ceylons at 7½d to 9d, and 150 new season's China teas at 7½d per lb. Messrs. A. Harvey and Co. report having sold at auction yesterday, under instructions from Messrs. A. Tange and Co., Claude Healy and Co., of Sydney, and Messrs. Rowbotham and Co., Colombo, 600 packages Ceylons up to 9½d. For any teas standing out in quality bidding was brisk. Messrs. Fraser, Uther, and Co. report having sold at auction yesterday, on account of Thompson, Fraser, Ramsay Proprietary, Ltd., 622 packages Ceylon teas, at prices up to 8½d per lb, the catalogue being cleared; also 187 packages Foochow teas, ex Chingtu, at prices up to 7½d per lb. Messrs. H. W. Carey and Co. will submit at auction this afternoon, on account of Messrs. Deacon and Co. and Gibbs, Bright, and Co., 870 packages Ceylons, as advertised.

Groceries.—One hundred boxes dates were sold at 3½d. Whiting was meeting with fair sale at 67s 6d to 70s. Currants were firm at 4½d, and Smyrna sultanas at 6½d. Holders were asking 2s 9d for wax vestas.

Chemicals.—Five tons caustic soda were placed at a concession on £12 5s, and 5 tons bi-carb. of soda went at £8 12s 6d. A better inquiry was shown for rosin, the f.o.b. prices for which in New York are now about the same as are quoted for small parcels here. About 30 casks G grade were sold at £9 10s, and 20 casks N grade at £12 per ton.

Metals.—Fifty tons 12-gauge Iowa barb wire, stocks of which were stated to be comparatively light, were purchased by a wholesale house at £13 10s to £13 12s 6d, and distributing prices were at once advanced from £13 15s to £14 per ton. For 14-gauge the quotation was also raised from £14 15s to £15. It was stated that recent shipments of 14-gauge, which had been selling at £14 15s, cost £15 to land. A number of merchants have only been making 2s 6d to 5s per ton profit on the 12-gauge owing to the keen competition, so that the advance was hailed with satisfaction. Fifty cases American g.c. iron were moved at £18 per ton. The principal sizes of second grade wire netting, on spot, were reported to be in low supply. Prices were unchanged, 42 x 1½ x 17 being worth £38 to £39 per mile. Fencing wire was dull at £8 7s 6d for German No. 8, and £8 17s 6d for No. 10, the latter being scarce. Fifty casks plaster went at 15s 6d on spot, though most houses were asking 16s. To arrive it was quoted at 15s. Tinplates were in poor request. Fifty boxes brought 15s.

Oils.—Trade during the week has been limited to ordinary distributing transactions. 200 drums B. and S.'s linseed oil were sold at 3s 1d for raw and 3s 3d for boiled. 100 drums Ferguson's went at 3s and 3s 2d, and Thistle had attention at the same figure. Whitelead quotations were unchanged. Four tons Champion's, in cwts, were moved at £29 per ton, and 5 tons Ferguson's at £28 for cwt drums, and £29 for qrs. Castor oil was almost neglected at 3s 4½d to 3s 5d. Turps were in demand at 4s 8½d to 4s 9d on spot. China oil was quiet at 2s 8d, and Japan fish oil without inquiry at 1s 1d to 1s 2d per gallon.

Jute.—Sales of branbags to arrive were made at 4s 11d to 5s. On spot they met with no demand, and were nominally quoted at 5s 1d to 5s 2d. Fifty bales woolpacks went at 2s 5½d, for smaller lots 2s 6d was wanted. A little speculative business was done in new season's cornsacks at 7s 3d to 7s 4d, delivered, the buyers being chiefly Melbourne firms. The Customs revenue received at Sydney yesterday was £8196.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 2291 bales wool were manifested to arrive by rail.

AUSTRALIAN TALLOW IN LONDON.

At Wednesday's auctions at the Baltic Rooms our cable reported that 2197 casks of tallow were offered, and 1911 sold. No sales were cabled last week, which probably accounts for the heavy offerings. Prices for beef were 3d better, those for mutton 6d higher. The following comparisons are made of recent sales:—

	Offered. Casks.	Sold. Casks.	Medium. Mutton. Per cwt. s d	Medium. Beef. Per cwt. s d
June 27	950	850	28 9	28 6
July 4	775	575	28 9	28 6
July 11	1,349	1,119	29 1½	28 10½
July 18	425	351	28 9	28 9
July 25	1,330	950	28 9	28 9
August 1	1,750	1,050	28 9	28 9
August 15	2,197	1,911	29 3	29 0

Writing from London on July 13, Messrs. W. Weddel and Co. state:—"There has been a very fair demand, and good mixed, which was a week ago a weak market, has made a decided recovery, and is now worth 6d per cwt. more money. Dark export sorts are still in favour of buyers. Fine edible muttons show no change, and remain difficult to sell. A good many sales have been made on a c.i.f. basis in Australian and South American, and prices for July-August shipment have shown some improvement; 29s c.i.f. U.K. has been paid for South American first beef."

LONDON MARKET CABLES.

SILVER.

LONDON, Aug. 15.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 6 5-8d per ounce standard, a rise of 3-16d on Tuesday's price.

TALLOW SALES.

At the sales of Australian tallow to-day, 2197 casks were offered and 1911 were sold. Prices were:—Mutton, fine 31s 9d, medium 29s 3d; beef, fine 30s, medium 29s.

METALS.

LONDON, Aug. 16.

Copper, three months, b £83 5s, s £83 10s, a fall of 2s 6d per ton.

Tin, on spot, b £180 15s, s £181 5s, a fall of £1 10s; three months, b £180 5s, s £180 15s.

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The wheat market was dull to-day. For prompt delivery 3s 4½d is quoted alongside. Nearly 1000 bags were bought direct from the country to come to the mill siding at 3s 4½d. Flour is dull, and quoted £7 7s 6d to £7 10s, and parcels £7 2s 6d. Bran is worth 9½d to 10d; 50 tons sold for export at 9½d. Pollard is in better inquiry at 9½d to 10d. Algerian oats are inactive. A few hundred bags of good milling sold at 2s 7½d to 2s 8d, principally 2s 7½d. Prime are quoted 2s 8½d, feed 2s 5½d to 2s 7d. Moderate business passed in maize at 3s 2½d to 3s 3d. A fair parcel of peas was placed at 4s. Chaff is quiet, and quoted 47s 6d to 57s 6d, choice to 60s. Potatoes are slightly weaker, export demand being inactive. Prime Redsoil are worth £6 15s, extra prime to £7; Pinkeye, £6 15s, choice occasionally to £7; and Snowflake, £6. Onions are dull and weak, but really choice are scarce. Prime are worth £6 10s to £6 15s, and special to £7; medium are in large supply and dull at £3.

Business in tea covers 250 packages Ceylon up to 1s 2d, and 160 chests Indian. Fifteen chests desiccated coconnut sold ex Sigmaringen. Fair business was done in new currants for first and second steamers. Herrings are firm owing to the position at home. Trefavennes quarter sardines are selling at 4s 9d to arrive per Commonwealth. Resin is in good demand sales including 10 tons N at £12 net, and 200 barrels G. Cornsacks sold up to 7s 4½d; 1850 bales sold to Adelaide and Western Australia buyers. Branbags on spot are quoted 5s. Considerable business was done to arrive at equivalent to about 4s 10½d delivered. Woolpacks are quoted 2s 5½d. Business was done in American fencing wire to arrive.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Queen Victoria Market to-day fruit sold as follows:—Almonds, 4d to 5d per lb; apples, 3s 6d to 8s per case; oranges, 4s to 8s 6d ditto; lemons, 3s to 7s 6d ditto; walnuts, 6d to 9d per lb.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

Quiet conditions prevailed in most departments of Sussex-street yesterday, stocks generally being light and prices firm.

The maize market was dull, the turnover being very limited. Holders were still asking 3s 1d, on account of the extreme lightness of supplies, but buyers refused to pay more than 3s. There has of late been a good demand for maize from the country districts, where natural feed is scarce, and this has helped to keep the prices firm. White corn was very scarce, and quotations remained steady at 3s. Oats sold fairly well at late rates, but the supply was again only moderate.

There was a very good inquiry for all descriptions of chaff, and quotations ruled firm. Heavy supplies have been received from all sources, but the continued dry weather has greatly increased the demand. At Redfern only 17 truckloads were forward, and the bidding was keen, one choice lot making up to £4 8s 4d per ton. Lucerne was again in short supply, the Newcastle steamer bringing only about 100 bales from the Hunter River district. This quantity was not sufficient for the demand, and very high prices prevailed. Oaten hay sold fairly well at £3 15s to £4 5s per ton.

Very large quantities of inferior potatoes were stocked on the wharf, but really prime samples were almost unobtainable. The demand for the frosted and otherwise rough sorts was very limited, and several sales were effected at from £7 in order to make a clearance. Onions remained firm at the recently improved quotations.

Bran and pollard were in rather short supply, owing to the exceptionally heavy demand from the country, and prices were firm at 10d per bushel.

Current quotations were:—

FEED-GRAIN AND OFFAL MARKET.

Barley.—Nominal.

Maize.—Prime dry river, 3s 1d; white, 3s bus.

Peas.—Blue, 5s 6d; grey, 5s 3d bus.

Chickwheat.—Rejected milling, 3s 5d; prime chick-feed, 3s 4½d bus.

Oats.—Melbourne: Algerian, seed 3s 3d to 3s 4d, milling 3s 3d to 3s 4d, heavy feed 3s 3d, light feed 2s 11d to 3s 1d. New Zealand: Gartons, 3s 5d. Tasmanian: Whites, 3s 4d bus.

Bran, 10d; pollard, 10d bus.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Choice £4 1s 8d to £4 3s 4d, prime £3 10s to £3 18s 4d. Victorian: Wheaten £3 15s to £3 17s 6d, oaten £3 12s 6d to £3 15s. Adelaide: £3 17s 6d to £4 ton.

Derrick Straw.—Tasmanian: £3 15s to £3 ton.

Oaten Hay.—Melbourne: Prime £4 to £4 5s, other sorts £3 15s ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Prime dry green £5 10s to £6, old summer £4 to £5, brown sweated £4 15s to £5, choice small bales £6 to £6 10s. At Redfern: Prime small bales £6, medium £4 1s 8d ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Onions.—Victorian: Brown Spanish, prime £9 10s, good £8, inferior from £5 ton.

Turnips.—£3 10s to £3 10s ton.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian: Prime redskins, £8 15s to £9; good, £8 5s to £8 10s; darkskins, £7 15s to £8. At Redfern: £6 15s 4d to £8 10s ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

A moderate turnover was effected in the dairy produce markets of Sussex-street yesterday. The chief move was a fall of ½d per lb in the butter market, which was brought about by the presence of large quantities of choice Victorian butter, which was being sold at 12½d per lb. Loaf cheese was also a shade easier. Agents all along the street complained that this size was not selling at all freely; consequently it was decided to make a slight reduction. Eggs remained steady at late rates.

Current quotations were:—

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf 5½d to 6d, good 5¼d, prime large 5d to 5½d, odd choice lots 6¼d, good 5d to 5¼d, inferior from 4½d; Kameruka Cheddar, 6½d; Bodalla, 6½d lb.

Butter.—Choice 1s 0½d, seconds 11d to 11½d, inferior 10d to 10½d lb.

Lard.—Packets and small bladders 5½d to 6d, bulk 4d to 4½d, special brand 5½d to 5¾d lb.

Beeswax.—Dark 1s 1½d, prime 1s 2d lb.

Honey.—60lb tins choice extracted 3d to 3½d, good 2½d, inferior 2d lb.

Bacon.—Prime factory, flitches 6d to 6½d, middles 7½d, sides 6½d to 6¾d; special brands, sides 7d, flitches 7d, middles 8½d. Hams: In cloth, 8½d to 8¾d, bagged 9½d to 9¾d, special brands to 11d lb.

Eggs.—Northern Rivers, 7½d; Southern and railway, 7½d to 8d, odd lots 8½d; new-laid, 8½d to 9d doz.

POULTRY AND GAME.

River.—Hens, old 3s to 3s 6d, choice 3s 9d; roosters, good 4s to 4s 6d, choice 5s; English ducks, 2s 3d to 2s 6d, choice 3s; Muscovy, 2s 6d to 3s, choice 3s 6d, drakes, 3s 6d to 4s; guineafowls, 4s to 4s 6d; turkeys, hens 4s to 5s, choice 5s 6d to 6s 6d, gobblers 7s to 8s, extra prime 12s to 14s; geese young 4s 6d to 5s 6d; black duck 2s 6d, brown 2s; teal, 1s 6d; common pigeons, 1s to 1s 6d pair.

Suburban.—Fowls, young roosters, 3s 8d to 5s 8d per pair, choice 6s 7d, very small kinds from 2s 7d, old hens 2s 6d to 3s 6d, choice 4s 4d; ducks, English, 3s 2d to 4s 6d, choice suburban 5s; ducks, Muscovy, 3s 5d to 4s 2d, choice suburban 4s 8d; drakes, Muscovy, 5s 9d to 7s 3d, choice suburban 8s 3d; turkeys, hens 6s 6d to 8s 3d, choice 9s 9d, gobblers 10s to 16s 6d, choice 21s; guineafowls, 3s 11d to 4s 9d; pigeons, 1s 6d to 2s pair.

Hares.—1s to 1s 3d pair.

Rabbits.—Good 6s 6d to 8s, kittens 2s 6d to 4s doz.

REDFERN SALES.

Brisk and regular competition characterised the sale at Redfern yesterday, and late values were well maintained. Chaff had especially strong inquiry, high-grade varieties finding disposal at slight advances on yesterday's rates. Choice cuts made from 4s 1d to 4s 5d, and good to prime descriptions from 3s 6d to 3s 11d cwt. Lucerne hay commanded exceedingly good demand, and prices ruled exceptionally firm. Choice small Bathurst hay secured buyers at 6s, while medium small moved off at 4s 1d cwt. Prime chickwheat had attention at 3s 4d bus. Potatoes were in moderate delivery, and changed hands at from 6s 11d to 8s 6d cwt.

Consignments were disposed of as follow:—

Chaff.—From W. H. and Co., Molong, (7803) 3s 7d; Pratley, Bathurst, (12140) 3s 6d; Birch, Bomen, (8747) 3s 10d; Bradshaw, Coolamon, (4802) 4s 3d; Rowston, (10740) 4s 2d; F. Hamblin, Derrain, (3017) 4s 2d; Swan, Wagga, (6329) 3s 11d; Donelly, (4097) 3s 8d; ex Bomen, (5577) 4s 2d; Mens, Wagga, (7790) 3s 11d; Experimental Farm, (1492) 4s 1d cwt.

Lucerne Hay.—From Linnane Bros., Perth, (4503) 4s 1d; Hurst, (9828) 6s cwt.

Wheat.—Ex Darling Harbour, (2126) 3s 4d, (7044) 3s 4d bus.

Potatoes.—From Bonnor and Co., Orange, (9715) branded X 6s 11d, branded G 7s, branded WW 7s 6d; M'Clymont, Orange, (4457) part 7s 11d; ex Tarana, (———) 25 bags branded stroke 7s 6d, 17 bags branded J over X 7s 5d, 6 bags JA over JA 8s 6d cwt.

FRUIT MARKETS.

Quiet conditions ruled in the Bathurst-street Fruit Markets. Bananas were scarce, and a firmer tone was noted in the quotations, but otherwise there was but little alteration.

Current quotations were:—

Oranges.—Seville, rough skins 2s 6d to 3s, flats 4s to 4s 6d; Navels, choice 10s to 12s, medium 6s to 7s; common oranges, main crop, choice 5s 6d to 6s, medium 3s to 4s, small and rough 2s to 2s 6d case. Queensland: 2s 6d to 3s 6d packer.

Mandarins.—Emperors, choice 5s to 5s 6d, medium 4s to 4s 6d case; Thornies, choice 2s 6d to 4s, medium 2s to 2s 6d box, and 4s 6d to 5s 6d case, small 2s 6d to 3s case.

Apples.—Tasmanian: Scarlet, dessert, choice 12s to 14s, medium 10s to 11s; New York, choice 11s to 13s, medium 8s to 9s; Russet, choice 8s to 9s, medium 6s to 7s; Sturmers, choice 9s to 10s, medium 6s to 7s. Cooking: French Crabs, choice 7s to 8s, medium 6s to 7s; Hollow Crowns, choice 6s to 7s, medium 5s to 6s case.

Pineapples.—Common and Queen, choice 6s, medium 4s to 5s, small 4s gin-case.

Lemons.—Local: Extra choice 4s to 5s, medium 3s to 3s 6d, small and rough 1s 6d to 2s gin-case.

Tomatoes.—Local: Choice 4s to 4s 6d half-case.

Bananas.—Fiji: 14s to 16s case, 4s to 9s bunch. Queensland: 2s 6d to 3s 6d bunch, 9s to 10s case.

Passionfruit.—Choice 6s to 7s, medium 4s to 4s 6d, small 2s to 2s 6d box, choice 11s to 13s, medium 7s to 8s, small 4s to 5s gin-case.

Cocoanuts.—9s to 10s 6d bag, 1s to 2s doz.

Pears.—Melbourne: Josephines, extra choice 7s 6d to 10s; Vicars, 6s to 7s; B. P., 5s to 6s packing-case. Tasmanian: Winter Cole, extra choice 8s, medium 6s to 7s; Winter Nelis, small 4s to 5s, medium 6s 6d to 7s, choice 7s 6d to 9s; Napoleons, 3s to 4s 6d half-case.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

For the sale of August 20, 99 sheep vans, 88 cattle waggons; August 23, 511 sheep vans, 85 cattle waggons.

STOCK AND STATION PRODUCE.

The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd.; John Bridge and Co., Ltd.; Dalgety and Co., Ltd.; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd.; Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.; Hill, Clark, and Co.; New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd.; Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd.; Schute, Bell, and Co.; Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., report:—

Tallow.—Prime lines advanced 5s to 7s 6d per ton, while medium and inferior grades were fully 15s higher. Quotations:—Prime mixed, £27 to £27 7s 6d per ton; medium to good, £25 to £26 15s; inferior, £20 to £24 10s; broken packages, from £19. 353 casks were offered, and 260 sold.

Hair, Horns, and Sundries.—Best sawn thighbones, buttocks, shinbones, white hoofs and sinews realised higher values, while all other lines were unchanged. Quotations:—Horsehair sold to 25d per lb; cowhair to 13½d; stumps to 9½d; shankbones, best round to £12 17s 6d per ton, flat to £7, ordinary mixed lots to £4 10s; buttocks to £11 15s; shinbones to £11 15s; sawn thighbones to £20 5s; white hoofs to £12 10s; ordinary mixed lots to £5; hidepieces to £13; sinews to £34; horns to 70s per 100.

Rabbitskins.—A weaker demand was in evidence, and an average decline of ½d to 1d per lb was met with. Quotations:—Prime winter skins, 11½d to 13½d per lb; first, 9½d to 11d; medium, 7d to 9d; summer sorts, 4d to 7d; milky does, 3d to 5½d; kittens, 2d to 4½d.

HOMEBUSH STOCK MARKET.

YESTERDAY'S SALES.

SHEEP.

About 31,576 sheep and lambs were penned at yesterday's sales, from 111 consignors. There were four drafts ranging from 1000 to 1480 head, otherwise the consignments were chiefly of lots from 200 to 600 head. The sheep comprised a large proportion of good to prime merino wethers, with occasional pens of extra prime, and a sprinkling of useful wethers and hoggets. There was a good representation of merino ewes, including a very fair proportion of prime and extra prime. Crossbreds were moderately in evidence, including odd pens of prime. The general run of the pennings was much better than of late. There was a full attendance of buyers, including exporters and the Sydney Meat Preserving Company, Limited. As the supply was within requirements, the market opened to free competition, at last Monday's rates, useful wethers and prime ewes being in strong request. Quotations: Prime merino w 18s 6d to 20s, extra prime merino w 21s to 22s, a few to 23s, good merino w 14s 6d to 16s 6d, medium merino w and hoggets 10s 6d to 12s 6d; prime merino ewes 14s to 16s, extra prime merino e 17s to 18s 6d, good merino e 11s to 13s, medium and light 7s to 9s 6d; prime crossbred w 19s to 21s, good crossbred w 13s 6d to 17s 6d, medium crossbred w and h 13s to 14s, prime crossbred e 18s to 19s 6d, a few to 20s 6d, good crossbred e 14s 6d to 16s 6d, medium crossbred e and h 11s 6d to 13s.

Sales:—

Wilkinson and Lavender, Limited.—Western agents, 133 w 15s 10d, 29 15s 9d, 23 xb e 12s 8d, 6 w 12s 8d, 56 e 9s, 21 7s.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—G. M'Ilveen, Gular, 114 w 18s 1d, 56 20s, 20 18s 6d; T. J. and J. E. M'Carthy, Grenfell, 78 xb e 17s 1d; A. A. Company, Willow Tree, 373 w 17s 8d; Dawson Brothers, Condobolin, 166 w 19s 8d to 19s 6d, 55 21s 8d, 10 stags 10s 6d; F. Houston, Moree, 263 w 14s 11d to 15s, 77 17s 6d to 17s 7d; T. and A. Bragg, Wallendbeen, 134 w 17s 7d to 17s 8d, 8 xb w 17s 8d, 113 w 17s 2d; J. Lugsden, Hay, 186 e 10s 4d, 127 13s 4d, 35 w 18s 5d, 61 19s 6d, 82 xb w 2?s; W. Spencer, Manilla, 330 w 12s, 213 13s; J. Nott, Mudgee, 200 w 13s 9d, 85 17s 8d, 53 14s; G. Faithfull, Inveralochy, 81 e 15s 2d, 60 xb h 14s 8d; W. C. Russ, Nevertire, 82 w 19s 1d, 7 e 14s; H. Pratt, Nyngan, 59 w 18s 8d, 26 14s 8d; H. Studte, Currabubula, 70 w 13s, 12 xb e 12s 6d, 10 w 11s 3d; G. Shiphard, Condobolin, 83 w 17s 4d; T. Russ, Trangie, 69 e 17s; J. J. M'Nickle, Bomen, 34 xb w 13s 5d, 67 xb e 12s 3d, 84 w 15s, 12 r 13s; Mrs. L. A. Hall, Gular, 56 w 18s 10d; J. Walker, Girilambone, 15 w 21s, 49 18s 8d, 109 16s 10d to 16s 11d; J. T. Collett, Queanbeyan, 50 w 13s 2d; J. Williams, Moree, 80 e 13s, 35 10s; S. Williams, Moree, 81 e 11s 8d to 11s 9d, 84 w 15s 2d, 48 12s 7d; G. Hitchin, Condobolin, 146 e 16s 6d, 138 13s to 13s 10d; E. W. C. Bennett, Albury, 80 xb e 16s 7d.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—W. Matthews, Narromine, 63 w 20s to 20s 3d, 284 18s 5d, 59 17s, 20 e 14s 1d, 50 11s 10d to 12s; J. H. Spiller, Morundah, 50 w 20s to 20s 2d, 198 18s 2d, 16 16s 6d; S. Sauer, Gilgandra, 34 w 18s 1d to 18s 2d, 67 16s 3d; W. Hay, 101 h 18s 7d; M. J. Sowden, Coonamble, 33 w 17s, 142 12s 3d to 12s 7d, 20 e 14s 5d, 39 11s; S. J. Kennedy, 108 e 14s 1d, 68 w 13s 6d.

Maiden Brothers.—J. A. M'Laughlin, Nyngan, 93 w 20s to 20s 1d, 120 18s 1d to 18s 3d, 73 15s 6d to 15s 7d; W. Reardon, Condobolin, 125 w 20s to 20s 1d, 128 17s 5d; Clemson Brothers, Condobolin, 118 w 18s 8d, 394 17s 9d, 87 16s 10d; Merrigreen Estate, Wyalong, 575 w 17s 3d to 17s 7d, 524 16s 4d to 16s 7d, 193 15s 2d; S. Meares, Warren, 25 w 17s 1d, 296 e 15s 9d; 119 13s 6d, 127 11s; Northern agents, 238 w 15s 9d to 15s 10d, 232 14s 2d, 32 12s 3d; Exors. late J. C. Walson, Scott's Siding, 196 w 17s 9d to 17s 10d, 71 16s 4d; M'Cormick Brothers, Werris Creek, 117 h 11s 6d; A. Crawford, Nyngan, 83 w h 14s 2d, 126 11s 11d, 46 10s 3d; Ward Brothers, Nyngan, 29 w 19s 5d, 33 e 17s 10d; G. Pring, Kooroowatha, 80 w 16s 4d, 12 15s; J. T. Donohue, Curlewis, 46 w h 13s 8d, 11 e 11s; G. Bruce, Molong, 42 w 17s 2d; W. Munro, Molong, 125 w 18s 1d, 60 14s 10d, 30 e 9s 4d; G. Backhouse, Nevertire, 46 w 18s 3d, 98 w h 17s 3d, 62 e 15s 8d; J. Bourke and Sons, Harden, 81 w 17s 1d, 10 15s 8d; J. Gibb and Son, Wallendbeen, 150 w 18s 4d, 61 16s 7d, 78 r 17s 3d, 183 14s; J. Gordon, Coonamble, 21 w 18s 1d, 50 16s 3d; W. Bassett, Coonamble, 100 e 13s, 27 10s 4d.

Weaver and Perry.—A. W. Everett, Breeza, 94 w

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For Influenza and Colds in the Head Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. 1s 6d.—Advt.

15s 10d, 82 14s 7d; E. S. Antill, Warren, 10 w 22s 9d, 90 19s, 156 18s 10d, 35 e 15s 4d, 33 16s 6d; Jamieson and Keats Brothers, Brewarrina, 10 w 22s, 118 20s 7d, 271 17s 11d to 18s, 231 17s to 17s 1d, 241 18s 4d to 18s 11d; J. J. O'Brien, Nevertire, 86 w 18s 1d, 71 e 17s; R. C. and J. White, Armidale, 30 xb e 15s, 54 14s 4d; J. Burrell, Nevertire, 116 w 19s 9d, 122 16s 8d to 17s; G. Knight, Nevertire, 62 e 18s 1d; 73 15s 7d, 20 w 16s 5d; F. G. Marshall, Cryon, 154 w 18s 4d, 115 11s 4d; Western agents, rail, 71 w 14s 4d; J. Corrigan, Manilla, 46 14s.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—H. E. Kater, Nevertire, 10 xe 20s 6d, 49 18s 7d; Chas. Hazell, Elsinore, Balaringar, 23 xw 20s 6d, 58 w 17s 10d, 49 e 17s 8d, 67 15s 6d, 8 16s 1d, 17 r 14s; J. M. L. M'Donald, Quirindi, 18 xw 20s, 14 xr 17s, 128 w 15s 9d to 16s 1d; Geo. Brookman, jun., Cowra, 104 xw 18s 7d to 19s, 111 17s 10d; R. S. Lord, Edgeroi, 192 e 14s 5d to 15s, 21 11s; T. Curry, Coonamble, 19 e 15s 5d; J. P. Radford, Merah, 30 e 14s 4d, 10 10s; N. J. Holmes, Trangie, 40 e 16s 6d, 85 14s 6d, 27 13s 6d; W. Farrell, Coonamble, 94 e (shorn), 9s 4d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—E. K. Rutledge, Nevertire, 150 e 17s 6d, 87 16s 4d; J. R. M'Kenzie, Burren, 10 e 16s, 16 w 15s 1d, 66 e 12s.

J. C. Young and Co.—H. Webster, Carrathool, 65 w 22s, 82 19s, 18 stags 20s 1d, 40 h 17s, 81 16s 11d.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited.—J. S. Abbott, Boggabri, 15 xb w 20s 9d, 19 w and e 18s 6d, 66 w 16s, 48 17s 9d, 45 xb e 15s 7d, 32 13s 6d; J. J. Darcy, 53 w 17s 10d; S. Stewart, 9 w 18s 6d, 85 e 17s 9d, 89 15s 4d; J. E. Griffiths, 108 e 17s 8d to 17s 11d, 50 13s 10d; J. F. Dawson, 8 w 17s 6d, 51 15s 4d; G. Cochrane, 8 w 17s 6d, 35 13s 1d; J. Simpson, 108 w 17s 8d, 50 15s 11d; H. te Kloot, Warren, 102 w 17s, 73 15s 6d; C. E. Campbell, Keswick, 166 e 16s 6d to 16s 10d, 10 r 14s, 62 e 12s; Fennell Bros., Brewarrina, 70 w 16s 6d, 172 14s 8d, 20 e 14s 3d, 40 14s, 49 13s 11d, 35 12s; J. and J. O'Leary, 20 w 16s 6d, 187 16s, 64 14s; L. A. O'Rourke, Curlewis, 22 w 14s 6d; F. J. Young, 65 e 13s 1d, 58 11s to 11s 1d.

New Zealand L. and M. A. Company, Limited.—M. G. Matchett, Mullengudgery, 200 c w 19s, 192 18s, 298 w 19s, 168 17s; Brangalbah station, Coolabah, 220 w 16s 5d, 40 16s, 354 15s 11d, 127 14s 6d, 130 14s 5d; R. Smith, Mullengudgery, 50 e 13s, 48 11s 7d; C. T. Secombe, Moree, 60 w 13s 4d, 29 12s 3d, 40 e 18s, 74 12s 6d, 65 11s 6d.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—J. Woodlock, Mullengudgery, 31 e 14s 6d, 47 13s 7d; Southern agents, Lockhart, 44 w 19s; Crouch and Poole, Condobolin, 7 xbd w 18s 8d, 72 w 18s, 95 14s 8d to 14s 6d, 178 e 11s 2d; M'Master Brothers, Quirindi, 20 w 19s, 226 17s 10d, 170 16s 10d to 17s 1d, 54 e 17s 3d, 85 14s; G. L. George, Curlewis, 40 cbk e 17s 2d, 71 w 14s, 30 e 11s 1d; J. M'Donald, Moree, 54 e 16s 4d, 154 13s to 13s 2d; M. Newman, Coonamble, 183 e 14s, 211 11s 7d to 12s 1d.

LAMBS.

There was a full supply of lambs forward; all descriptions were in evidence from young and light suckers (chiefly merino), to extra prime crossbred and merino lambs. The pennings mainly comprised good, useful trade sorts, with a fair proportion of prime and extra prime. Competition was active for prime suckers and lambs at the opening, but medium descriptions were dull of sale at late reduced rates, weakening as the sales progressed. Prime lambs and suckers 12s 6d to 13s 6d; extra prime lambs 14s 6d to 15s 6d; odd pens to 17s; good lambs and suckers 10s 6d to 11s 6d; medium, young, and light 7s to 9s 6d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—F. F. Gibson, 69 13s 9d, 195 14s 8d to 14s 9d; W. C. Russ, 57 12s 7d, 105 11s to 11s 4d; T. Russ, 11 13s 6d; J. Walker, 73 11s 8d to 11s 9d, 38 9s 8d, 64 13s, 11 8s 9d; J. Williams, 17 13s 1d, 15 8s 10d; G. Hichin, 54 13s 1d, 5 10s; H. Green, 112 11s 6d, 69 10s 11d.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—W. Matthews, 37 11s 6d, 57 10s 1d; W. Hay, 79 17s 1d, 90 15s 1d, 168 15s, 32 14s 6d, 73 14s, 64 11s, 28 13s; M. J. Sowden, 26 11s; R. Howard, 111 13s 3d, 55 12s to 12s 5d, 108 12s 4d; S. Sadler, 78 9s 3d to 9s 4d; S. J. Kennedy, 49 10s 5d; exors. late H. Stevenson, 188 12s, 13 9s.

Maiden Brothers.—W. Bassett, 68 17s 10d, 82 10s 8d, 50 11s, 11 9s, 29 9s 1d; J. Gordon, 139 11s 9d to 12s 6d, 60 10s 8d; J. N. O'Rourke, Curlewis, 61 12s 4d, 30 10s 1d, 82 9s 3d to 9s 5d, 22 8s 4d to 8s 8d; G. Backhouse, 20 15s 6d, 108 14s 2d, 91 12s 2d to 12s 8d, 121 9s 6d, 102 12s 11d; J. A. M'Laughlin, 41 14s 4d, 26 12s 6d, 30 8s 6d, 11 10s 7d, 80 9s; J. T. Donoghue, 78 10s 3d, 51 8s 11d; Ward Brothers, 9 14s 11d, 136 10s 4d, 35 9s 6d, 45 9s 4d; M'Cormick Brothers, 115 9s 8d, 70 8s 11d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—H. E. Kater, 138 14s, 21 13s 2d, 10 12s 10d, 120 12s; N. J. Holmes, 140 12s 4d to 12s 9d, 218 11s, 50 10s; C. Hazell, 13 12s 10d; R. S. Lord, 32 12s 10d, 12 7s 6d; W. Farrell, 82 9s 3d, 20 7s 11d; J. P. Radford, 40 10s, 130 9s 9d to 9s; T. Curry, 96 8s 6d to 8s 9d, 215 7s 4d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—A. Guest, 96 11s 3d to 11s 8d, 75 9s 1d; J. R. M'Kenzie, 103 10s 3d to 10s 4d, 99 8s 10d.

Weaver and Perry.—E. S. Antill, 58 14s 2d, 42 13s 8d; G. Knight, 99 12s 2d, 80 15s; J. J. O'Brien, 148 12s, 156 10s 8d; J. Burrell, 82 12s; E. Robinson, 70 11s 6d, 35 15s 6d; J. Corrigan, 38 9s 11d; W. Everett, 99 9s 9d, 101 11s 9d.

Wilkinson and Lavender, Limited.—Western agents, 152 13s 7d, 238 10s 11d, 17 10s.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—J. Woodlock, 52 13s 6d, 50 9s 4d; J. M'Donald, 156 13s 1d to 13s 5d, 203 12s to 12s 3d, 88 9s 6d to 9s 8d; M. Newman, 14 9s 4d, 109 8s 11d to 9s 2d, 31 8s.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—J. J. Darcy, 25 13s 10d; P. W. Lehane, 49 13s 6d to 13s 9d, 23 11s 9d, 28 10s 3d; Fennell Bros., 52 13s, 111 7s 7d to 8s 1d; L. A. O'Rourke, 40 12s 4d, 65 9s 4d, 53 8s 5d; S. Stewart, 116 12s 5d, 48 10s 2d; J. E. Griffiths, 56 12s 3d, 14 12s 3d, 38 11s 5d; J. F. Dawson, 80 11s 7d, C. E. Campbell, 112 10s 2d, 73 9s 5d to 9s 7d; F. J. Young, 45 suckers 7s 2d; G. Cochrane, 159 9s 4d to 9s 10d.

New Zealand L. and M. A. Co., Ltd.—R. Smith, 15 14s 4d, 10 10s 10d, 48 10s 3d, 25 7s 8d to 7s 9d.

CATTLE.

Upwards of 938 cattle were yarded, representing 40 consignors. The whole of the supply came from within the State, chiefly from the north and south, with odd lots from the west. The yardings comprised a large proportion of medium and plain bullocks and steers. Prime medium-weight and heavy bullocks were scarce. About 130 cows and heifers were forward, principally of medium and light descriptions, with occasional yards of prime. The general run of bullocks and cows was not up to the average quality of last Monday's yardings. There was a full attendance of buyers, and as the supply was within requirements the market opened to brisk competition at the very firm values ruling on Monday last, hardening as the sales progressed, closing strong. Quotations:—Yards of prime bullocks, £11 to £12; odd extra prime and heavy bullocks, to £14 10s; yards of good bullocks, £9 5s to £10; yards of medium bullocks and steers, £7 10s to £8 10s; yards of light and inferior steers, £6 to £7; yards of prime cows, £7 10s to £8; yards of extra prime cows, to £8 10s; odd prime beasts to £9 10s; yards of good cows, £6 10s to £7; yards of medium cows and heifers, £5 to £6. Best beef, 20s to 30s per 100lb.

Weaver and Perry.—E. White, Muswellbrook, 40 bullocks to £10 10s, avg £10 4s; J. Bishop, Scone, 35 bullocks to £9 4s, avg £7 18s 9d; Alford Brothers, Boat, 25 steers to £7 2s, avg £6 10s 3d; W. J. Reynolds, Ravensworth, 23 bullocks to £7 11s, avg £6 15s 2d, 5 cows to £5 12s, avg £4 13s 9d; Alford Brothers, Farley, 24 bullocks to £7 6s, avg £7 3s 10d; W. G. S. S. Burne, Ravensworth, 9 cows at £4.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—A. B. Triggs, Adelong, 50 bullocks to £9 17s, avg £9 3s 8d; S. Kennedy, Coonamble, 4 bullocks to £11 7s, avg £8 16s 3d, 1 cow, £8 16s; G. Boon, Gundagai, 3 bullocks to £12 15s, avg £10 13s, 3 steers to £7 0s, avg £6 17s 4d, 29 cows and heifers to £6 16s, avg £5 12s 11d; Northern agents, Wallangarra, 36 cows to £7 11s, avg £6 12s 4d; T. Cook, Burren, 22 bullocks to £9 9s, avg £8 12s 2d; P. Stacey, Singleton, 11 bullocks to £10 5s, avg £10 1s 9d; Northern agents, Singleton, 12 bullocks at £8 15s; A. W. Hitchin, 2 bullocks at £11 6s, 3 cows to £9 13s, avg £9 9s 4d.

Wilkinson and Lavender, Ltd.—Southern agents, 45 bullocks to £11 2s, avg £10 10s 9d; B. M. Osborne, Coolac, 20 bullocks to £12 18s, avg £12 10s 9d.

William Inglis and Son.—B. Ruffier, Farley, 24 bullocks to £7 19s, avg £7 10s 8d; H. Harris, Cowra, 6 bullocks to £9 7s, avg £7 17s 6d, 5 cows to £5 13s, avg £5 7s; Northern agents, 5 cows at £4 9s, 5 bulls to £5 9s, avg £4 19s.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—G. Verge, Farley, 4 bullocks to £13 15s, avg £12 6s, Farley; J. K. L. Weirong, 32 bullocks to £12 10s, avg £9 17s 10d; M. Finlayson, Tenterfield, 98 bullocks to £10 7s, avg £9 14s 3d; D. Cameron, Trangie, 9 bullocks £9 14s, 1 cow £9 9s; J. J. Graham, Singleton, 11 bullocks to £9 17s, avg £9 5s 4d; Austral Verge, Kempsey, 40 bullocks and steers to £10 10s, avg £8 18s 4d, Farley; D. W. Warren, Bega, 13 cows to £5 16s, avg £5 0s 7d; estate W. Bowen, Trangie, 36 steers to £8 6s, avg £7 16s 7d; Northern agents, 13 steers to £7 16s, avg £7 6s 10d; Southern agents, 8 cows to £7 7s, avg £6 10s 6d, 4 steers £6 10s.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—F. Stevenson, Tenterfield, 30 bullocks to £13 10s, avg £9 18s; E. Jones, Nevertire, 5 heifers to £9, avg £8 19s 5d, 8 steers to £9, avg £8 10s 8d; Western agents, Trangie, 12 heifers to £5 10s, avg £5 3s 9d.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—J. Campion, 22 bullocks and steers to £7 8s, avg £6 17s 1d; A. N. Waugh, 24 steers to £7 2s, avg £6 18s 6d.

J. C. Young and Co.—Southern agents, 24 cows and heifers to £7 14s, avg £6 5s 6d.

Maiden Bros.—Andrew Bros., Orong Grong, 8 bullocks to £13 10s, avg £13 2s 6d, 11 steers to £9 10s, avg £8 16s 8d, 1 heifer at £9 11s; J. Gordon, Coonamble, 10 bullocks to £12 16s, avg £10 15s 9d; Western agents, 10 bullocks to £12 1s, avg £10 10s 8d; D. M'Kinnon, Coolamon, 13 steers to £7 17s, avg £7 14s 10d.

CITY YARDS.

Ellis and Co. report, at the City Corporation Yards and their Railway Stock Sale Yards, as follows:—Milch cows, £4 to £11 5s each; fat cows, £5 10s to £8 15s. Fat calves: We sold 54. Prime yearlings to 70s, choice weighty to 81s, prime vealers 50s, choice weighty to 63s, medium 30s, light from 20s, small faulty from 8s each. Fat pigs: 213. Baconers 34s to 47s 6d, backfatters 60s to 70s; porkers, light 19s 6d, medium 26s, weighty 28s to 31s, suckers 4s 3d to 7s 6d, choice weighty to 10s each. Store pigs, 7s to 12s 6d, slips from 5s each. Pigs: 1350 penned on Tuesday. Prime porkers and baconers commanded steady competition, and just about upheld late good values; faulty kinds found buyers slowly at only moderate figures. Good stores were dull of sale, and cheap. Rough and faulty were almost unsaleable. Sucking pigs sold steadily. Prime porkers, 40lb, realised 19s 6d; 60lb, 26s; 70lb to 90lb, 28s to 31s; 100lb, baconers, 34s; 120lb, 38s; weighty, to 47s 6d. Backfatters, 60s to 70s; stores, 7s to 12s 6d; big forward kinds higher; slips, from 5s; suckers, 4s 3d to 7s 6d; choice weighty, to 10s each. Calves: 250 forward, medium and heavy kinds. Good to prime sold freely at high prices, so did good to prime light sorts. Very small and inferior kinds found buyers slowly; prices were on the low side. At coming sales business is likely to rule unaltered.

Messrs. Maiden Bros. report having sold 550 pigs and consignments of calves. Messrs. Hill, Clark, and Co. sold nearly 400 pigs and 114 calves. Sales were also held by Messrs. G. Wells and Matthews, J. C. Young and Co., and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.

CARDINAL MORAN AND SIR HENRY PARKES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—During the time I had a seat in Parliament, from 1887 to 1893, being a strong supporter of Sir Henry Parkes' Government, I was brought much in contact with that distinguished statesman; and in addition to always showing me marked attention, he honoured me with his confidence on many important matters. This good feeling between us continued up to a few weeks before his lamented death. On many occasions at Parliament House, in his room at the Chief Secretary's office, and finally at his home at Annandale, he introduced the subject of his own great work, the Public Instruction Act expressing his desire to amend it in the direction of making it acceptable to the Roman Catholic people. At the very last of these conversations, in his own library at Annandale, he said he was determined, if he got into power again, to act in that direction.

I am compelled to write this in justice to the memory of my dear friend, who always had the courage to act up to his convictions, and to refute what has been characterised in Parliament as a "libel on a dead man."

I am, etc.,
A. J. RILEY.

Burwood, Aug. 16.

CARLSBAD IN AUSTRALIA AT
MEDLOW BATH HYDRO
CAN NOW BE ARRANGED FOR A
COURSE OF CARLSBAD
Under the strict supervision of an experienced medical man. The course takes one month to complete, and when it becomes known, as it is to many in Australia at present, the extraordinary benefit of Carlsbad treatment, no doubt many will avail themselves of this opportunity near their doors as
MEDLOW BATH HYDRO.
WRITE FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS, MANAGER, HYDRO.

OVERLAPPING TRAM SECTION.

We have received additional letters disapproving of the action of the tramway authorities in altering the end of the city penny tram section in the vicinity of the new railway station.

W. R. Rogers writes:—I was always under the impression that the trams were run for the convenience of the public, and that the suburban wants were to be reasonably supplied. Only a little while ago a movement was made to have the penny section transferred to Cleveland-street, a stop further on, to convenience the large population of Redfern. No favourable reply was given, but now matters are worse. It speaks poorly for the administrative abilities of the tramway authorities to so flout and insult the Redfern people by compelling them to walk to the new station to reach the penny section into town, or else pay increased fare. To the man of small wages this is a serious thing. It is insulting to womanhood to watch the girls tramping this long distance each morning to save a penny.

"Western Suburbs" suggests that all western suburbs trams should be diverted from the northern extremity of George-street (known as the neck of the bottle), along Pitt-street as far as Eddy-avenue; thence along Rawson-place to George-street, with a stopping place at the Devonshire-street subway, and overlapping section from Eddy-avenue to Regent-street; these streets having been constructed with plenty of width with a view to the carrying of extra traffic. The new railway station shops would be increased in value by this plan, and passengers from the western suburbs who wished to avail themselves of the Castlereagh-street route could do so by merely ascending the new railway steps, and passengers from the Botany, Zetland, and Cleveland-street lines could change into trams for western suburbs by walking along Eddy-avenue only. A suitable covering could be erected over the footway at corner of Eddy-avenue and Pitt-street, which would make the station entrance much more imposing than the present "hole in the wall" sort of arrangement.

"Satisfied" writes:—The real object, viz., the nearest possible way to the ticket office and platforms for passengers reaching the station by the George-street cars, appears to be lost sight of. In my opinion there can be no nearer way than that now adopted.

A correspondent refers to the "disgraceful" condition of the approaches to Elizabeth-street, and the tram stopping places between the railway station and Toohey's Brewery.

THE ABATTOIRS QUESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Mr. Henley has shown a careful study of this question, and, while agreeing with him in most of his contentions, I fail to find a single argument advanced by him that will justify municipal management of our export meat trade, which the control of public abattoirs and saleyards would virtually mean. Mr. Henley's contention that 1d for cattle and ¼d for sheep less dues are charged in Sydney than in Melbourne, does not justify excessive charges to the producer away in the country, and contributing unduly to the city rates, on sheep, more than three-fourths of which, according to Mr. Henley's own showing, go west of Homebush.

In your issue of March 24, 1897, Mr. Henley wrote: "The time has now come to act, or hand over its control (the abattoirs) to a body in touch and representative of the whole people interested—and that body is certainly not the City Council."

Mr. Healey's letter, which was quite recently pointed out to me, would appear to be a confirmation of what I wrote in February last, or vice versa:—

There is an entire lack of system in our meat supply, and I venture to say that no city of any importance anywhere is so far behind the times as Sydney in this respect. We have the experience and the example of the whole world to study and adapt from to meet our own special requirements, and I again suggest that all trades concerned, from the producer to the consumer, should confer and formulate some system of dealing with killing, cooling for local consumption, freezing for export, shipping, distribution at home and abroad, dealing to the best advantage with by-products—in fact, everything connected with the trade. There is now an opportunity, which in all probability will never occur again, of having our meat supply held up as a pattern to other countries, instead of being an object of derision to all who know anything about the matter. In a recent issue you pointed out that the wholesale men in England are making immense fortunes out of our imported meat. This would not be possible if we had a tithe of American enterprise and business ability to look after our interests at the other end.

Mr. Barnes has pointed out what would be an undoubted hardship to many besides himself if the slaughtering of pigs were removed a great distance from Sydney. Sir William M'Millan also pointed out this difficulty to the Premier at the recent conference. As pigs are better slaughtered apart from other stock, I would suggest that abattoirs for pigs and calves be established at Canterbury, or some locality convenient for inspection and distribution.

I am, etc.,
JAMES TOSH.

Aug. 15.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—A considerable amount of correspondence has appeared in your columns upon the above subject. Public meetings have been held, some condemning, others favouring the proposal to remove the abattoirs from the present site, and writers and speakers alike have enunciated their views of the advantages of their different plans, principally with regard to trade benefits. As one having no vested interests in the matter of location may I be permitted to draw attention to a most important reason for the removal of the abattoirs from Glebe Island, which certainly should not be overlooked, but should govern any scheme for the future—as affecting not only the success of trade operations, but what is of far more importance, the health of the people. I refer to the ill-treatment of the stock in their transit from Flemington to the slaughter yards. For some years I resided upon the line of route taken by drovers, and can therefore speak authoritatively. Drovers in the heat of unbridled rage and impatience to get through the streets with wild cattle shamefully illuse them, and appear to be completely insensible to animal suffering.

It is not unusual at night to see a drove of cattle being flogged and hunted by dogs through the streets until they become maddened with excitement and fear. And it stands to reason that the overheated condition in which they arrive at Glebe Island, following upon a long train journey of starvation and thirst, must undoubtedly leave them in anything but a fit state for slaughter. Much of the meat to be seen exposed for sale in and around Sydney indicates the fevered condition of the beasts at the time of killing, and must be most injurious to the health of the consumer.

Sheep also suffer equally with the bullocks, and frequently knock up from overdriving, and as they fall have to be conveyed in carts to the abattoirs, there to be slaughtered in a half dying state. The difficulty of identification makes it almost impossible for a conviction of offenders. It is scarcely necessary to point out that apart from the injury to trade by the export of inferior meat, the health of the people is of the greatest importance, and it, therefore, behoves those who are interesting themselves in the abattoirs question to take these facts into consideration as being all-important factors in the establishment of reform. It is to be hoped that those in power will have the backbone and disregard vested interests, consider the public health above all, and by proper treatment and resting of cattle improve the condition of meat for export, and for all time put an end to the shameful cruelty to animals practised under the present system.

I am, etc.,
F. MONTAGU ROTHERY.
Secretary Animals' Protection Society N. S. Wales.

THE GUN

N.S.W. GUN CLUB.

Wednesday was members' private day at the above club's grounds. Members had the privilege of introducing a friend, who could compete in sweepstakes shooting. The first sweep was at five birds, and the others "miss out," and the results were as follow:—

First Sweep.—R. F. Ryrie (27½), "Williams" (25½), and W. Tulloch (25) being the only shooters to account for their five birds, divided.

Second Sweep.—H. O. Carter (26), "Canuck" (25), and A. Hill (23) divided at the sixth bird.

Third Sweep.—"Comlerol" (29½), "Ryde" (24), and A. Hill (23) divided at the fourth bird.

Fourth Sweep.—H. E. Lord (31), "Comlerol" (29½), and R. F. Ryrie (29½) divided at the fourth bird.

Fifth Sweep.—R. F. Ryrie (29½), H. O. Carter (26), and "Canuck" (25) divided at the seventh bird.

Sixth Sweep.—"Williams" (25½), "Canuck" (25), and A. Hill (23) divided at the fourth bird.

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The Brisbane Agricultural Show is fully illustrated and described in the current issue of the "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

"Lana" contributes special articles to this week's "Sydney Mail" on "The Cattle Ticks," "Get-up of Australian Wool," etc.—Advt.

AUBURN RAILWAY STATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I wish through the columns of your paper to draw public attention to the unintelligible apathy displayed by the Railway Commissioners in dealing with the urgent need for a new station at Auburn. For the last 15 years this station has been totally inadequate to the traffic, which it serves. The platforms, which are not opposite one another, are formed of rough sleepers, with spaces between them large enough to allow a child's foot to slip through. Umbrellas and sticks are frequently broken by catching in these spaces. The ends of the sleepers nearest the line are more often than not rotten, so that alighting from the train is obviously dangerous. There is little protection from the weather on the up-platform, on the down-platform there is practically none, the booking office being large enough to accommodate about a dozen people. The down-platform is also too short to accommodate the majority of trains arriving at it. Passengers frequently have to alight on the permanent way, and last night a highly respectable resident, who was short-sighted, walked off the train when it had stopped at the station, believing it to be at the platform, and fell on to the roadway, severely injuring himself in consequence. There is no protection from the dirt arising from the shunting of coal trucks, and trucks with manure, etc., as the goods siding is immediately opposite the up-platform. The sanitary arrangements are highly objectionable, both to eye and nose, and there is a discharge of offensive matter into the main surface water drains of the township. (There is at present an epidemic of scarlet fever and diphtheria in the district.) The population the station serves is close on 5000 people, the income from passengers alone is upwards of £600 per month.

On March 2 last a public meeting appointed a deputation to wait on the Commissioners to explain their grievances and requirements, and the Commissioners admitted the justice of their request, and said the matter would be considered when funds were available. This reply being considered unsatisfactory, early in July a monster petition was presented, asking for immediate relief. The result, the same as before. On June 23 the borough council wrote, drawing attention to the danger of long trains overlapping the platform. Result, nothing done.

Now that the Commissioners have injured a man by their carelessness and neglect in attending to this matter of overlapping of trains, and may have to pay compensation, it may dawn on them that it will be cheaper to build reasonable and decent accommodation than to expose themselves to the risk of expensive actions for damages, which at present is the alternative they seem to prefer.

In conclusion, I believe that the time is rapidly approaching when the long-suffering taxpayers of New South Wales will insist that the whole of the Government railway employees, from the Chief Commissioner down to the youngest cleaner, realise that they are servants of the public, and that the railway system of the country must be conducted in the interests of the public, and not, as heretofore, to a large extent, in the interests of the railway service.

I am, etc.,
FRANCIS H. FURNIVAL, J.P., M.R.C.S., Eng.

Auburn, Aug. 15.

PERNICIOUS LITERATURE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have read with interest Mr. Rothery's and "A.C.W.'s" able replies to "Bookman's" letter upon the above subject. What thoughtful person could for one moment think that "literature, as a rule, has no effect in influencing its readers either for good or bad"? Who has not felt the uplifting influence of a good book? But most of our best works are strangers to us people of the backblocks, even by name. Our country libraries may be, and very often are, well filled with books; but the supply is mostly of the one line—that of the trashy novel. We may well have grave apprehensions for the future of our race and nation when the young minds are fed on such works as these. We want books that will elevate us and give us wider view and light, and yet more light, and purer conceptions than our own. We nourish our bodies well out here in the bush, but our souls are starved; and then we wonder "at the sensualist's life with the shroud wrapped about his feet," wonder at the callousness of the last boy murderer, wonder why the bush criminal is of a more brutal type than the town criminal. We have few good books and few good pictures to uplift us in the bush. One of our distinguished men of letters wrote:—"Life being very short, and the quiet hours few, we ought to waste none of them in reading valueless books. Good books should in every civilised country be within the reach of everyone. They are a society continually open to us. They will talk to us as long as we like, whatever our rank or occupation; not the casual talk, but the studied, determined, chosen addresses of the wisest men." . . . "Most men's minds are indeed little better than rough heath wilderness, neglected and stubborn, with pestilent bracken and venomous wind-sown herbage of evil surmise. Burn all this jungle into wholesome ash heaps; then plough and sow."

I am, etc.,
ELMA.

Ballina, Aug. 11.

SHIRE COUNCILS.

BAULKHAM HILLS.—A meeting of the Baulkham Hills temporary shire council was held at Castle Hill on Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Bruce Purser, the chairman, presiding. The Acting Under-Secretary, Public Works Department, wrote, in reply to an inquiry, that a person being the owner of ratable land in three ridings was entitled to enrolment, and one vote in each riding. From the same source, in reply to a letter from the council stating that it had been decided to allow the chairman expenses at the rate of £1 1s for each meeting, a letter was received stating that the position was purely an honorary one, but the Minister did not desire to cause actual pecuniary loss to the temporary councillors and chairmen, and therefore, if the members were put to any out-of-pocket expenses which could not be met by ordinance, the Minister would, on the matter being fully put before him, give it careful consideration. It was decided to appoint Mr. C. H. Wandsborough, of Castle Hill, as returning officer, and Mr. W. Smith substitute returning officer.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, City and Suburban Properties.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

S. DAVIS and CO.—At Rathgar, Walsh's-avenue, Randwick, at 11, Furniture, Glassware, China, Pianos, Sewing Machines, etc.

J. R. LAWSON and LITTLE.—At the Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Pianoforte, Jewellery, China, Marble, Stationery, etc.

STRONGMAN and WATSON.—At the Burwood Salerooms, at 11 to 5, Furniture, China, Crockery, Stoves, Linoleums, etc.

E. H. BRODRIBB.—At Tremlow, 9 Wigram-road, Glebe, at 11, Furniture, Pianoforte, Linoleums, Glassware, China, Dinner and Tea Service, etc.

M. DE LISSA.—At 80 Wycombe-road, Neutral Bay, at 11, Furniture, Piano, etc.

A. G. JENKINS.—At Regent-street, Redfern, at 11, Furniture, Pianoforte, Sewing Machine, Glassware, Crockery, etc.

J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc; at 2.30, Jewellery, etc.

V. H. KELSON.—At the Saleroom, at 2.30, Furniture, Glassware, Linoleums, Carpets, Bookcases, Pianos, etc.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At 170 George-street West, at 2.30, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, Furniture, etc.

DAVOREN and CO.—At Bourke-street, at 2, Contents of Marine Store, etc.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

At the Wool Exchange, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At the Wool Salerooms, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

GEORGE H. MOXHAM and CO.—At the Wool Exchange, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

The Co-operative Wool and Produce Company.—At 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

R. F. MURPHY and CO.—At the Rooms, at 1.30, Pigs, Poultry, Eggs, etc.

C. J. TURNER.—At the Rooms, at 1, Poultry, Eggs, Suckers, etc.

ELLIS and CO.—At their Yards, at 1, Pigs, Vealers, Butter, Eggs, etc.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—On the Showgrounds, Moore Park, at 10, Horses.

E. P. PEARCE.—At Saleyards, Parramatta, at 2, Horse, Vehicles, and Harness.

BOOKS, PUBLICATIONS, ETC.

NOW READY.—THE CROWN LANDS ACTS OF N.S.W. SIMPLIFIED, with tables of cases, Statutes, and Copious Index, by E. W. BRIERLY and T. W. IRISH. Price, 10s 6d, or Interleaved, 12s 6d, Post Free. J. J. MARSDEN, Law Bookseller, 57 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

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NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16.

The President took the chair at 4.30 p.m.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On the motion of Mr. Trickett, leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to the Hon. Colonel James Alexander Mackay, C.B., by reason of his absence from the State on public affairs.

DOWER ABOLITION BILL.

This bill was read the third time, and returned to the Assembly.

RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS BILL.

This bill was received from the Assembly, and, on the motion of the Vice-President of the Executive Council, was read the first time. The second reading was made an order of the day for Wednesday next.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The debate was resumed on the following resolutions, moved by Mr. Hawken, namely.—"That, in the opinion of this House, public health and education demand better provision for recreation grounds for children of the Public schools. 2. That the pupil-teacher system should not be weakened by regulations, but strengthened."

Dr. NASH said that a reference to the interim report of the Commissioners would show that attention had been directed to the necessity of ample recreation grounds, also the physical condition of the pupils in our Public schools, and the best method of conserving their health. As to the second part of the hon. member's proposition, he could not understand anyone advocating the continuance of the pupil-teacher system, for, in his opinion, the weak point and failure of our public educational system were based upon the pupil-teacher system. What was wanted, as stated in the report, was an Australian scheme of education which had as its basis a knowledge of the type of individual that was being developed in the Commonwealth.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said, that, on looking over the papers, he found that as far as the first part of the resolution was concerned the department had always paid great attention to the subject. In the country, where plenty of land was available, the minimum area of land allowed in the Public schools for the recreation of children was two acres, with at least eight acres additional land for the use of children who had to ride to school. In the town, too, where land was not equally available, ample room for recreation, as far as possible, was given. He noticed that during the discussion recently, Mr. Kater complained of a regulation enforced in country schools by which pupils were not allowed to enter school without boots.

Mr KATER: I have since ascertained that there is no such regulation, but I assure the hon. gentleman that such a system is enforced by the masters in some country districts.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said that no complaint on the subject had been received by the department for a couple of years. As to the pupil-teacher system, it was not a good one, but under the present improved system boys and girls who would otherwise become pupil teachers received a special training and special allowances before they took up the duty of teaching.

Mr. Hawken replied, and the resolutions were negatived, the mover being the only member voting for them.

LOTTERIES BILL.

On the motion for the third reading of this bill,

Mr. FLOWERS moved the postponement of the order of the day until Wednesday, and said he did so in order that time might be allowed to any vested interest affected by the bill to bring its grievance before the House.

Mr. DANGAR supported the motion for postponement, and said he thought hon. members did not quite realise the extraordinary change contemplated by the measure. He did not speak on behalf of any vested interest, and was not aware that there was any in the matter, but he thought the House should have a little more time to deliberate upon the serious change contemplated. They seemed to be legislating on the subject of lotteries almost in a panic.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said the House had spoken with no uncertain voice on this question, and hon. members could not say that the bill had been passed on very fast. Plenty of time had been given for consideration, but at the same time he did not wish it to be thought that the Government desired to rush the bill through, and therefore he would consent to the postponement of the order of the day until Wednesday next.

Mr. Flowers' motion was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House, at 5.55 p.m., adjourned till 4 o'clock on Wednesday next.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16.

The Speaker took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

THE PILLIGA SCRUB.

The MINISTER for LANDS, in reply to Mr. Perry (Liverpool Plains), said that the report of Mr. Davis concerning the Pilliga scrub was at present receiving consideration. He had not yet, however, decided under what tenure he would place this land. Information was being obtained as to the cost of clearing the scrub.

SUPPRESSION OF PRIZE FIGHTS.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. Booth, said he was not aware that, owing to the Victorian Premier stating that he intended to suppress prize fighting certain contests had been transferred from Melbourne to Sydney. Prize fights were, however, illegal, though boxing contests were not.

PASTURES' PROTECTION CONTRIBUTIONS.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS, in reply to Mr. Collins, said the Pastures Protection Boards had been called upon to pay 20 per cent. contributions under section 25 of the Act. It was a fact that previous Ministers had not called up the payments, but the Auditor-General had drawn attention to the illegality. The debit balance was built up between 1896 and 1903, and the present boards were responsible for the payment of the debts. The boards could be relieved only by an alteration of the law, and the matter would be considered in connection with a bill now being drafted.

FREE EDUCATION BILL.

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION moved the second reading of the Free Education Bill. He said he felt the measure would be welcomed by all members of the House irrespective of the political views they held. (Cheers.) The subject had long been recognised as a highly important one, and the object aimed at a most desirable one. In 1883 Mr. Teece, then member for Goulburn, carried a resolution in the House that education should be free. He referred to the attempts that were made subsequently by Mr. A. Griffith and Mr. Hurley to have education made free. While all classes in the Houses had at different times expressed themselves in favour of the abolition of school fees, nevertheless the financial position of the State had been such that Government after Government found themselves unable to afford the loss of revenue the change would involve. Now fortunately the conditions were such that the Government felt that they could forego the revenue represented by the fees collected annually. He did not contend that because education was compulsory it should be free. He took a higher ground, and he desired to show that this was a world-wide movement, recognised by all countries and all States, to increase the facilities and to unhamper the efforts of the people to obtain education for themselves. It would be admitted that the countries which had most increased the educational facilities of the people were the countries that led the world in commercial and industrial enterprises. (Hear, hear.) In the competition of modern-day life, it was necessary that the youth of the community should be enabled to fit themselves in the way of education, so that they would be prepared to discharge the obligations of citizenship, and be able to provide a competency for themselves. By reason of the bridging over of distances Australia was day by day being drawn more closely into the industrial vortex of the old world, and it therefore became the duty of the people to see that their children were put in the position of being able to compete as evenly as possible with the people of Continental countries. (Hear, hear.) In Great Britain there were 6,000,000 children on the rolls of the schools, but only 410,000 of them paid fees for primary education. In America the question was very seriously recognised, and primary education was free right through the States. New South Wales and Tasmania were the only States of the Commonwealth which now imposed a charge for primary education. In this State 238,000 children were on the rolls, making an allowance of 10 per cent. for multiple enrolment. Of these about 35,000 did not pay fees, and £1712 was remitted in fees, so that altogether about 40,000 children received their education without cost. The difficulty of differentiating between those who paid and those who could not afford to pay was apparent. The application of a parent to be relieved of the necessity of paying fees led to investigations that must be inquisitorial, and the relations of the teachers with the parents necessarily became of such a nature that friction might occur, and the harmony that should exist between teacher and parent ran the risk of being destroyed. The mere fact of the fees being collected affected the attendance, especially in the case of a child who was absent during the first days of the week. The time of the teachers given to the collection of the fees was also a serious matter. Last year fees amounting to £73,317 were collected. Under existing conditions the cost of the educational system to the people was 10s 3d per head, which was much below Chicago, where the population was about the same as that of New South Wales, while at Boston the cost was £1 1s per head of the population. By remitting the fees the cost per head in New South Wales would be increased to 11s 3d per head. The £73,000 did not pay for the cost of education. The cost on the quarterly enrolment was £3 11s 9d, and on the average attendance £4 15s 7d per child, and already the State paid eight-ninths of the cost of education, and the bill provided that the State should pay the other one-ninth.

Mr. M'GOWEN inquired if the cost to parents would be increased by reason of the necessity for providing additional school requisites. The cost in this respect was greater than it used to be years ago.

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION said it may be so. Under the modern system of education materials not used under the old system were required. He did not think, however, that the additional cost would amount to the sum of the fees remitted. He placed the measure before members with every confidence that it would be cordially received.

Mr. M'GOWEN admitted that legislation of the kind had been long desired. For nearly 40 years he had been allied with the movement for free education. He referred to the old system, with fees running up as high as half-a-crown a week, when a working man in intermittent employment found it most difficult to give his children even a moderate education. Sir Henry Parkes had been called the father of the Education Act, but the Rev. James Greenwood, who had originated the agitation for free, compulsory, and secular education in 1867, was the real father of the movement. When the demand had grown to large proportions Sir Henry Parkes stepped in and passed the Act, which he regarded as the best in the world. It was not right that people who could not afford to pay for the education of their children should be put to the necessity of proclaiming their poverty to the world, while the fact that some children were paid for while others were free must make an embarrassing difference to the children whose parents were too poor to pay. The time had long since arrived when they ought to have made education free to every child in New South Wales. The saving of the time taken up by the teachers in collecting the fees would enable them to give more attention to the instruction of the scholars. To give free education would be but carrying out the idea of 1868, when it was laid down that every child should be educated. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. BRINER opposed the bill. He had had teaching experience under the Victorian system, and he had had experience also under the New South Wales system, and therefore he knew something about this subject. The Victorian system was not to be compared with that of New South Wales. He denied that the teachers in New South Wales ever differentiated between those scholars who paid and those who did not. The children who paid did not know of those who did not pay.

Mr. M'GOWEN: But the children who did not pay knew that fact themselves.

Mr. BRINER contended that to take away the £73,000 of school fees would leave the Government less able to meet the school requirements in the country districts. If the threepence a week were abolished would the children not have to buy their materials?

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION: No more then than now. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. BRINER went on to point out that no great agitation had arisen for this measure. He believed that if the bill became law the Government would withdraw the annual amount now paid for materials. He quoted Mr. Carruthers, when sitting in opposition, having said that if the school fees were abolished many a boy and girl in the country districts would be deprived of school accommodation because of the loss of revenue. No member of the House could say that any request had come from the people in the country districts for the abolition of these fees. He feared the Government were going to adopt the Victorian system, and if that should prove to be true he would never regret having raised his voice in protest against the passage of this measure. In the small country schools much inconvenience would be felt if the children should have to buy their own material. The Minister would earn the gratitude of the people if he would see that not one penny more in the way of expense would be put upon the shoulders of the people in the country districts by making them purchase the school material for their children.

Mr. BOOTH was pleased to give his cordial support to the measure. He wished free education had been the law of the land years ago. The payments were harassing to the teachers.

Mr. FERRY (Richmond) believed that making education free to all was a step in the right direction. There were not many children so mean as to accuse their fellows of being paupers, but there was a sensitiveness in children who knew that they were not being paid for. The disability which they suffered should be removed, and he was sorry that he had not been able to remove it under his administration. The natural corollary of the bill was another bill altering the truancy clauses, so that compulsory education would follow free education.

Mr. MAHONY said that Mr. Briner had declared that the innovation had not been asked for, but he (the speaker) was gratified to know that during the time he had supported the Government they had introduced a number of measures without being forced into action. (Hear, hear.) He congratulated them on the initiation of the bill, which he strongly supported.

Mr. THROWER moved that the question be now put.

The motion was negatived by 45 votes to 12.

Mr. JESSEP complained that it was a waste of time to continue the debate, in view of the fact that, with one exception, not a voice had been raised against the bill.

Mr. ROBSON said the main question, to his mind—and he would like to hear the Minister on the subject—was as to whether this remission of payment would in any way affect the payment of such salaries as would attract the best class of teachers to the service.

After further debate, the second reading was agreed to on the voices and the bill was passed through committee.

VINE DISEASES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

This bill was read the first time.

PUBLIC WORKS AND CLOSER SETTLEMENT FUNDS BILL.

The PREMIER moved the expediency of bringing in this bill. He explained that it would provide for a public works fund which would be constituted from the surplus revenues, which Parliament might appropriate for the purpose, and also for a closer settlement fund, constituted from two-thirds of the proceeds of Crown lands.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill read the first time.

AMENDMENTS INCORPORATION BILL.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of the Amendments Incorporation Bill, which came from the Legislative Council.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was passed through committee.

GLEBE ISLAND ABATTOIRS.

The PREMIER promised Mr. Henley that if he would submit to him particulars of an alleged nuisance by the Glebe Island abattoirs he would have inquiries made with a view to having the stench abated.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 10.55 p.m. adjourned till 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday next.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

ENDOWMENT CLAIM.

MUSWELLBROOK, Thursday.

At the council meeting yesterday the Mayor pointed out that the Government's proposal to distribute £50,000 to municipalities, according to their necessities, was unjust to well-managed councils and general taxpayers. It was resolved that the Chief Secretary be informed that the Muswellbrook municipality was in a satisfactory position financially because of economical management, the council preferring to keep out of debt, and carrying out works only actually necessary, than incur heavy liabilities with the hope of eventually obtaining Government aid to wipe them off, and respectfully request that this fact be considered when the Muswellbrook portion of the grant is being allotted, as there were streets in the suburban portion of the municipality that the council would form were funds available.

TRADES AND LABOUR.

TRADE UNION LABEL.

The question of being represented at the conference which will meet at Adelaide on September 4 to consider the adoption of a uniform trades union label for the Commonwealth has been under consideration by the executive of the Sydney Labour Council. The matter will be finally dealt with at the next meeting of the council.

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LAW REPORT.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16.

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA.

(Before the Chief Justice, Sir Samuel Griffith, Mr. Justice Barton, and Mr. Justice O'Connor.)

A CUSTOMS MATTER.

Baume v the Commonwealth (part heard).

Mr. Knox, K.C., Mr. J. L. Campbell, and Mr. G. M. Mitchell, instructed by Messrs. Mark Mitchell and Forsyth, appeared for Arthur Baume, importer; and Mr. Shand, K.C., and Mr. Garland, instructed by Messrs. Macnamara and Smith, for the Commonwealth Crown Solicitor, appeared for the Commonwealth.

This was an application for a new trial of a case tried before the Chief Justice of New South Wales and a special jury, which sat in Federal jurisdiction from March 12 to 15 last. At the trial his Honor entered a verdict for the defendants on the first, second, third, and fourth counts of the declaration, and a verdict was returned to the plaintiff for £750 damages on the fifth, sixth, and seventh counts. Plaintiff asks for a new trial on various grounds, holding that the damages awarded are insufficient. By way of cross appeal the defendant Commonwealth objects to the judgment on other grounds, and submits that the verdict for damages should be set aside.

Mr. Campbell submitted that where the agent whose act was complained of was the agent appointed by the Commonwealth, within the control of Commonwealth in the doing of the act, the Commonwealth was responsible. The only limitation would be where the doer of the act was exercising an independent authority, and was free from control. On the facts as affecting the relation of these officers in the Customs Department, he submitted that they, and their acts, were within the control of the Commonwealth. It was not the omission of the department to pass entries that was substantially complained of, as the passing of entries was not a condition precedent to obtaining delivery of goods.

The Chief Justice: Don't take that for granted.

Mr. Campbell: I hope to convince the Court that it is not a condition precedent.

Mr. Justice O'Connor: There must be either the entry itself or some authority from the Customs officials to remove the goods.

Mr. Campbell: The Court will not lose sight of the fact that no particular officer is indicated in the Act to do any of the acts required for the proper administration of the Act. It imposes the liability on the department itself. Respecting this particular class of unspecified officers there can be no difference in their relations and those of ordinary masters and servants.

Mr. Shand confined his argument for the time being to the aspect of the case which was raised by the refusal of the presiding Judge at the trial to admit in evidence the circumstances connected with four documents tendered by the plaintiff to support the third and fourth counts. He submitted that there were two ways of looking at it. First, that the failure of plaintiff to give particulars until the time he did precluded him from going into those particulars at the trial; and, secondly, that on the particulars which the plaintiff did give he was not entitled to tender evidence of the matters which he sought to prove, and that, therefore, plaintiff would have required an amendment of the actual particulars filed in order to adduce the evidence he tendered; and that it was then a matter for the discretion of the presiding Judge as to whether he would allow the particulars or not.

The case stands part heard.

SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

IN BANCO.

(Before the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Owen, and Mr. Justice Cohen.)

APPEAL IN AN EJECTMENT ACTION.

Heydon and another v Lillis.

Dr. Cullen, K.C., and Mr. Watt, instructed by Messrs. Makinson and Plunkett, appeared for the plaintiff, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi to set aside the nonsuit and for a new trial. Mr. Canaway, instructed by Mr. H. G. C. Moss, appeared for the defendant, to oppose the motion. The action, which was tried before Mr. Justice Pring and a jury of four at the last June sittings, was one of ejectment brought by Louis Francis Heydon and John Lane Mullins, as trustees of St. Joseph's Investment and Building Society, against Bridget Lillis, of 10 Kellick-street, Waterloo, to recover possession of a piece of land on the Mount Lachlan Estate, in the County of Cumberland. They claimed under a mortgage executed by the defendant's husband, since deceased, for whom she is executrix. Plaintiffs were nonsuited, and they now appealed on the grounds: (1) That his Honor was in error in ruling that the Supreme Court had no jurisdiction to try the action; (2) that his Honor should have held that this being an action of ejectment between the plaintiffs, as mortgagees, and defendant, as mortgagor, was not a dispute within the meaning of the Building and Co-operative Societies Act, 1901, and that there was nothing in that Act to take away the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court to deal therewith.

The Chief Justice said that since the Court adjourned yesterday he had had an opportunity of looking into the different Acts of Parliament in this country and also in England bearing upon this matter, and he had also carefully considered the authorities which had been cited in the case. The mortgage was a common law mortgage, and contained all the powers one would expect to find in it, including the power of the mortgagee to enter in default of payment, and the power in the mortgagor to redeem. It appeared to him that the law was different here from what it was in England. In the first place, under the English Building Societies Act, 37 and 38 Victoria, chapter 42, the 16th section provided for rules that might be made by building societies, and among other things it provided for the terms or conditions upon which shares might be withdrawn and mortgages redeemed. The 7th section of the Building and Co-operative Societies Act, 1902, was somewhat similar to the 16th section of the English Act, but it left out the provision of the 16th section of the English Act as to the terms and conditions upon which mortgages might be redeemed. Bearing in mind the difference between the two Acts they had to consider what the rules were, and there was no rule providing for redemption except by rule 22, in a case where the mortgage was not due. Then under the English County Courts Act power was given to entertain suits for redemption or for foreclosure, but on these matters our District Courts Act was silent, and that being so the cases referred to by Mr. Canaway in the course of his able argument did not apply. (His Honor cited Municipal Building Society v Kent, 9 Appeal Cases, page 260; Fleming v Self, De. G. M. and G. at page 1030; and Mulkern v Lord, 4 Appeal Cases, page 182.) It was perfectly clear on the authorities cited by Dr. Cullen that the District Court had no power to grant foreclosure or redemption, and therefore such matters could only be determined by this Court or the Equity jurisdiction of the Court. As the claims of the plaintiffs could not be enforced in the District Court, he was of opinion that the powers of the Supreme Court were properly invoked, and that being so the nonsuit must be set aside. He was not at all surprised at his Honor nonsuiting, because the points at issue required much more research than could be given at nisi prius, and an investigation of the local and English statutes.

Mr. Justice Owen concurred.

Mr. Justice Cohen said he only wished to add that two of the cases relied upon by Mr. Canaway did not appear to him to cover the case at all, as they were not suits for redemption, but suits in which matters of account were concerned.

Rule absolute, with costs, setting aside the nonsuit and for a new trial; costs of the previous trial to abide the event.

TROUBLE IN A HOSPITAL.

ACTION FOR ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

Slater v Raymond.

Mr. Reid, K.C., and Mr. Ferguson, instructed by Messrs. Laurence and Macdonald (agents for Mr. E. W. Chidley, of Bellingen), appeared for the defendant, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi, by which the plaintiff was called upon to show cause why the verdict in her favour should not be set aside, and a new trial granted. Mr. Gannon and Mr. Pickburn, instructed by Messrs. Bradley and Son, appeared for the plaintiff in support of the verdict. The action, which was tried before Mr. Justice Cohen and a jury of four at the June sittings, was brought by Margaret Jane Slater, hospital nurse, against E. J. R. W. Raymond, president of the Bellingen Hospital, to recover £1000 compensation for assault and battery. It appeared that plaintiff was engaged in January, 1903, as matron of the hospital, but during the latter part of 1905 differences arose between her and the committee as to certain matters. Subsequently she was notified by the committee that they intended to appoint a matron in December, but that she was not precluded from applying for the position. She was a candidate for re-election, but was unsuccessful, and in due course the defendant, as president of the hospital, formally intimated to her that a new matron had been appointed. The plaintiff's successor was to commence her duties on January 2 of the present year, but plaintiff contended that her term would not be up until the following March. The committee, however, on several occasions insisted that she should relinquish the position, and leave the hospital premises, but she refused and was supported in the position she took up by one of the medical officers and some members of the committee. On February 6 defendant and other members of the committee again urged her to leave, but she again declined, and remained seated in a chair. The president and committee then retired, and consulted together, and upon returning to the room plaintiff was informed that she must leave, and that in the event of her refusal she would be treated as a trespasser and removed. Plaintiff, believing from the legal advice she had received that she was within her rights, declined to leave, and a man named Willis, acting on behalf of the committee of the hospital, forced her from the chair. Plaintiff averred that excessive force was used, which was not justified by any resistance on her part, and that her arms were pinched and bruised. She also complained that while being taken across the hospital grounds to the gate the defendant roughly caught hold of her. The defendant, in his pleas, set out that the plaintiff was a trespasser, and that on her refusal to leave the hospital she was removed with no more force than was necessary for the purpose of ejecting her. To this the plaintiff replied that more violence was used than was necessary in ejecting her from the premises, and that she was assaulted outside the hospital grounds. The action occupied the greater part of a week, and the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff with damages £150. Defendant now appealed on the ground that the damages were excessive.

After argument,

The Chief Justice said it was quite clear that the Court had power to grant a new trial, either because damages were too small or because they were excessive. Each case must, of course, depend upon its own circumstances, and the Court was at all times very loth to interfere with the verdict of a jury on a question of damages, but there were cases in which it was absolutely necessary to do so, in the interests of justice. He thought this was one of the cases in which the Court should interfere. Manifestly, acting upon the advice of a medical officer of the institution, plaintiff refused to leave the hospital, and the defendant caused her to be removed, as he was entitled to do. The jury had found that in ejecting her unnecessary violence was used, and from the evidence it appeared that the injury consisted of bruises on an arm, which did not prevent her from following her ordinary occupation as a nurse. Yet the jury gave her £150, though she was clearly not entitled to punitive or exemplary damages, and he could not help thinking that the jury gave plaintiff compensation as if the action were for wrongful dismissal. Under these circumstances he was of opinion that the verdict was such as no reasonable men should have arrived at, and out of all proportion to the injury plaintiff had suffered, seeing that she brought what occurred upon herself in refusing to leave the hospital. He was inclined to think that 40s would have been sufficient under the circumstances, but if the verdict had been for £30 or £40 he did not know that the Court would have interfered, and he suggested to the parties that some arrangement might be come to which would prevent the necessity of a new trial.

Mr. Justice Owen and Mr. Justice Cohen concurred.

Rule absolute for a new trial, with costs.

AN EJECTMENT ACTION.

Hodgson and another v Thompson.

Mr. Watt, instructed by Mr. P. E. Tighe, appeared on behalf of the defendant, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi for a new trial. The action, which was tried in June last, before Mr. Justice Pring and a jury of four, was brought by Mrs. Elizabeth Hodgson and John Aubrey Hodgson, executors of the will of the late John Hodgson, against William Thompson, farmer, of Bankstown, to recover possession of four acres of land in the district. His Honor, in summing up, had directed the jury that the re-entry upon the land by Hodgson in 1893 must be such as to amount to a dispossession of the intruder, and the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiffs. Defendant now appealed on the grounds: (1) That his Honor was in error in ruling that the recitals in the deeds were evidence of the death of J. T. Campbell, intestate, and that Charles Campbell was the heir-at-law of the said J. T. Campbell; (2) that his Honor was in error in ruling that the acknowledgment in the said deeds by the said Charles Campbell of the receipt by him of the consideration was evidence of an admission against the interest of the said Charles Campbell, and rendered the contents of the said deeds admissible as evidence of the facts therein recited and contained. Messrs. Holman and J. A. Browne, instructed by Messrs. Brown and Beeby, appeared for plaintiffs to oppose the application.

The case stands part heard.

(Before Mr. Justice Simpson and Mr. Justice Pring.)

APPEAL AGAINST A WARDEN'S ORDER.

Re G. Biggins (G. H. Packard and another respondents).

Mr. Lamb, instructed by Mr. John R. Edwards, of Broken Hill (by his agents, Messrs. Pigott and Stinson), appeared for George Biggins, of Broken Hill, prospector, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi for a prohibition to restrain George Harrison Packard, of Broken Hill, labourer, and George Stevenson, warden of the Broken Hill division of the Albert goldfield, from further proceeding upon an order made by the warden on May 10 last. Dr. Brissenden, instructed by the Crown Solicitor (Mr. J. V. Tillett), appeared for the warden in support of the decision appealed against. Mr. Scholes, instructed by Mr. A. J. Hall, of Broken Hill (by his agent, Mr. A. W. E. Weaver), appeared for the respondent Packard.

The argument was concluded yesterday, and this morning Mr. Justice Simpson said he was sorry to say that as there was a difference of opinion on the Bench the case must be reheard before three Judges.

CASES UNDER THE DESERTED WIVES AND CHILDREN'S ACT.

Re M. Murray (R. Dawson and others, respondents).

Mr. Boyce, instructed by Mr. C. M. Boyce (agent for Mr. A. R. Cummins, of Condobolin), appeared for Margaret Murray, of Condobolin, spinster, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi for a writ of certiorari, directed to Richard Dawson, late Condobolin, M. S. Emanuel, of Bombala, storekeeper, and Henry B. Copeland, Justices of the Peace at Bombala, and John Calahan, officer in charge of the police at Condobolin, calling upon them to remove into court the judgment of respondents Emanuel and Copeland at the Petty Sessions, Bombala, on the 15th December last, whereby they ordered Dawson (who consented) inter alia to pay 6s weekly for the use, maintenance, and support of his male illegitimate child. The application was for the purpose of having the order quashed, but the appellant also asked in the alternative for a writ of prohibition to restrain respondents from further proceeding on the order. Mr. Lamb, instructed by Mr. H. C. Ellison Rich (agent for Mr. F. C. Boys, of Bombala), appeared for M. S. Emanuel and H. B. Copeland, but only on the question of costs. It appeared that the order was made in the absence of appellant, who contended that she was entitled to a much larger sum, and that no money had been paid to her under the order; and she appealed on the ground, among others, that the Justices had no jurisdiction, as they were not constituted as a Children's Court.

The rule was made absolute for a writ of certiorari, quashing the order, with costs against Dawson, but not against the Justices, the Court being of opinion that they had acted in good faith.

Re Reuben Warren (W. J. Tippett and another respondents).

Mr. Pickburn, instructed by Messrs. Bland and Cunningham, of Bega (by their agents, Messrs. Villeneuve-Smith and Dawes appeared for Reuben Warren, of Bega, labourer, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi, by which Henry S. Hawkins, police magistrate, Bega, and Inspector William J. Tippett, had been called upon to show cause why a prohibition should not be granted to restrain them from further proceeding on an order made on May 22 at the Children's Court, Bega. The question at issue was whether the Children's Court had jurisdiction to deal in any way with an order made under the Deserted Wives and Children's Act, 1901. Warren, in 1904, was, under the provisions of the Act, ordered to make certain monthly payments for the maintenance of his illegitimate child, but in May of the present year a summons having been laid against him for neglect of this order, Mr. Hawkins, in the Children's Court, decided that he should be imprisoned until the order had been complied with. He now appealed. Mr. Kelynack, instructed by the Crown Solicitor (Mr. J. V. Tillett), appeared for Inspector Tippett. The rule was made absolute for a prohibition, but without costs.

Re R. Warren (M. Silk and another respondents).

Mr. Pickburn appeared also for applicant in this case, and moved for a prohibition to restrain Henry S. Hawkins, P.M., of Bega, and Minnie Silk from proceeding upon the order of the police magistrate named. Mr. Kelynack, instructed by the Crown Solicitor (Mr. J. V. Tillett), appeared for the magistrate only on the question of costs.

The rule was made absolute, with costs against respondent Silk.

A MINING DISPUTE.

Re J. Phillips (T. Russell and another respondents).

Mr. C. Davidson, instructed by Mr. F. H. Greaves (agent for Mr. G. Davidson, of Mudgee), appeared for John Phillips, grazier and miner, of Swan Creek, Stony Pinch, near Rylstone, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi calling upon Thomas Russell to show cause why a writ of prohibition should not be issued to restrain him from further proceeding upon an order of the warden of Rylstone. Appellant's case was that the warden had granted an authority to Russell to enter upon certain land and mine for limestone, and Phillips claimed to be entitled to mine the limestone on the land referred to under a lease from the owner, Robert M. Fitzgerald, granted in 1899. The present application was based on the ground that the warden had no jurisdiction to make the order, as there was no evidence before him that the land was land which, under the provisions of the Mining on Private Lands Acts, was open to mining, and that there was no evidence that the lease to Phillips was not a valid lease giving him the right to work the land for the purpose of extracting limestone therefrom. Mr. Adrian Knox, K.C., and Dr. Coghlan, instructed by Mr. C. A. Coghlan, appeared for respondent Russell to oppose the application.

The Court discharged the rule on the ground that the warden in granting authority to enter was not acting judicially, but ministerially, and therefore any remedy which the appellant had was not by prohibition.

Re G. C. Giles (J. A. Kenny and others respondents).

Mr. Davidson, instructed by Mr. F. H. Greaves (agent for Mr. George Davidson, of Mudgee) appeared for Georgina Grace Giles, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi for a prohibition to restrain the land board at Mudgee and James Andrew Kenny and Robert Woods from proceeding upon an order made by the board. Mr. Hanbury Davies, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, appeared for the land board to oppose the application. It appeared that appellant and Kenny and Woods applied to the board for a conditional purchase, and it was decided that Kenny and Woods had equal claim to priority, and might go to the ballot, but that Miss Giles was less eligible. She was therefore refused the right of ballot, and she now appealed on the ground that the decision was erroneous.

At 4 p.m. the hearing was adjourned till Monday.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Acting Justice Street.)

A CARTER'S INJURIES.

Kelly v A. O. Gilles, Grafton Bond.

Mr. Peden, instructed by Messrs. Brown and Beeby, appeared for the plaintiff, William Alfred Kelly; and Mr. Loxton, instructed by Mr. William Arnott, for the defendant company.

This was a part heard case, in which plaintiff, a carter, prayed for a declaration that a certain agreement was not binding upon him, whereby, in consideration of certain weekly payments to him by the defendant company, he agreed to waive all rights to an action against them to recover damages in respect of injuries received through the alleged negligence of defendants in allowing two coils of wire to fall on him at their bond.

The defendants denied that the plaintiff had ever acquired a cause of action against them, and submitted that he was precluded by his laches from obtaining the relief prayed for.

Mr. Gilles, governing director of the Grafton Bond Company, said that he went in his official capacity to the hospital to see the plaintiff, and had full authority to act. He regarded the document as binding the company to pay £2 5s a week to plaintiff for ten weeks. Nothing was said to the effect that the company, by agreeing to make these payments, admitted liability. There was no truth in the statement that the company had gone into voluntary liquidation in order to defeat this action. Before it became a company he was the proprietor, and his income was between £2000 and £3000 a year, but owing to the alteration in the tariff and the effect of the drought the earnings had dwindled to such an extent that during the past two years he had not received £20 out of the business as salary.

The case stands part heard.

ARBITRATION COURT.

(Before Judge Heydon, President, and Messrs. Wright and Riley, members.)

WIRE MATTRESS MAKERS' AWARD.

Mr. Beeby appeared on behalf of the Wire Mattress Makers' Union; Mr. Rolin, instructed by Messrs. Read and Read, appeared for Messrs. Forster and Sons and Messrs. Anthony Hordern and Sons; and Mr. Kelynack and Mr. Windeyer, instructed by Mr. F. R. Cowper, appeared for Messrs. Bills Brothers.

The Court delivered judgment in the matter of the dispute between the Wire Mattress Makers' Union, claimant, and Goodearl Brothers, Hooker, and Co., and Goodearls, Ltd., respondents, and in the matter of the application of the claimant union for a common rule.

The president said the main question in the dispute, which the Court had to consider was whether the number of boys to be employed could be limited in proportion to the number of men employed. In the skilled trades, in which boys had to serve a long apprenticeship, the principle had often been acted upon by the Court of fixing the proportion of apprentices to journeymen, so as to prevent, as far as possible, the industry from being either swamped or starved. In the unskilled trades different conditions presented themselves; and, after visiting a number of workshops, and considering the evidence, the Court had come to the conclusion that this was really an unskilled trade. A certain amount of experience was, no doubt, required in the work of weaving steel mattresses, and fixing them to wooden frames, but such expertness was acquired in a very short time. The machines did the principal part of the work, and no strength—only a fair degree of quickness of eye and mind—was required on the part of the worker at the machine. The Court saw boys of not more than 15 doing work in what seemed to them a quick and satisfactory manner, under healthy conditions, and without being in any way unduly taxed. Where conditions like these prevailed—where the industry was a machine industry, and the machines were light in character, and could easily be attended to by boys, superintended by a skilled mechanic, and where the boys received a fair wage under humane and easy conditions, it was difficult to see on what principle the Court could forbid the employment of boys any more than of men. The employment of boys cheapened production, and that was a benefit to the community. Machines cheapened production, and the Court could not prevent the use of machines, however many men they for the time threw out of work; and if the Court could not prevent an employer introducing machines, which had no rights, on what principle would they interfere to prevent his employment of boys, who had, as workers, exactly the same common law rights as adults? Boys could not do men's work, and why should men monopolise boy's work? It seemed evident that where the boy gave a good value almost at once, and received something in being taught a trade, he should get a higher wage than apprentices. Accordingly the Court had fixed a scale of wages which they thought would not unduly encourage the employment of boys. As for the men's wages, the Court had made the rate uniform for all engaged in the industry, which would compel an increase in the minority of workshops and put all workers on the same footing. As to the question of preference, the Court could not see that this was a case in which an order for preference could be made.

Penalties were fixed for breach of the award made between the claimant union and respondents as follows:—If committed by the claimant union, not exceeding £200; either of the respondents, not exceeding £200; any member of the claimant union, not exceeding £5. With a view to the enforcement of the award the practices contained therein shall be a common rule within the State, the common rule to be binding upon all persons engaged in the industry, whether as employer or employee, and whether members of an industrial union or not, subject to such conditions and exceptions as appeared from a comparison of the schedule attached with the said practice.

Schedule: Forty-eight hours shall constitute a week's work, viz., 8¾ hours, Monday to Friday, both days inclusive, and 4¼ hours on Saturday.

Wages: Minimum wages on weekly work for all hands engaged in the industry as weavers, bench hands, tackers-on, plyers-up, or fitters, and not coming under any other award of the Court—Workers, between 15 and 16, 10s per week; 16 to 17, 12s 6d; 17 to 18, 17s 6d; 18 to 19, £1 2s 6d; 19 to 20, £1 7s 6d; 20 to 21, £1 12s 6d; over 21, £2 5s.

Overtime to be paid for at the rate of time and a quarter for the first two hours after the prescribed hours, and time and a half afterwards, and at the rate of double pay for Sundays, and at the rate of time and a half for New Year's Day, Anniversary Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Prince of Wales' Birthday, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day.

Day or piece work shall be adopted by the employer at his option. If piecework, the average competent worker to be enabled to earn not less than the prescribed minimum wage. The log to be posted in an easily accessible place during working hours.

Any worker who through age, infirmity, or any other cause is unable to earn the minimum wage may be employed at a lower wage to be agreed upon between his employer and himself. The worker shall, within seven days of so agreeing, notify the particulars of the agreement to the secretary of the claimant union, who, if dissatisfied, may appeal to the Registrar within 14 days of such notification, and the decision of the Registrar shall be final.

Modes of settling disputes are provided for, also penalties (which are the same as those of the award), and the final clause provides that the common rule shall come into operation on August 27 next, and shall remain in operation till set aside or varied by order of the Court.

FIREMEN AND DECK-HANDS' DISPUTE.

Mr. T. A. Rose appeared for the claimant, the Firemen and Deck-hands' Association of New South Wales; and Mr. Broomfield, instructed by Messrs. Norton, Smith, and Co., for the respondent, the Sydney Ferries, Ltd.

The case came before the Court for hearing of proof of jurisdiction.

The Court gave its reserved judgment in this matter.

The President, after reviewing the evidence which bore on a demand for improved wages and conditions, said that taking all the circumstances together, they thought they were justified in inferring that there had been a demand by the men and a refusal by their employers. On the evening of April 27 the union decided to call meetings to consider whether the industrial dispute should be taken up and referred to the Arbitration Court. These meetings appeared to have been properly called, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and resolutions were passed that the dispute should be referred. As the men in this industry could not all get off at once, the plan was adopted of submitting identical resolutions to successive meetings, and that was done in this case. The Court thought, therefore, that jurisdiction had been proved, and that they could enter upon the consideration of the dispute.

A QUESTION OF JURISDICTION.

Electrical Trades Union v Railway Commissioners.

Mr. Croft appeared for the claimant, the Electrical Trades Union of New South Wales, and Mr. Scholes, instructed by Mr. Cargill, for the respondents, the Railway Commissioners.

The case came before the Court for hearing of proof of jurisdiction.

Mr. Scholes stated that the Railway Commissioners, while not admitting the existence of a dispute, would take no objection to the question of jurisdiction.

The Court held that there was jurisdiction to hear the case.

Mr. Scholes asked that, owing to great pressure of engagements which the Railway Commissioners had at present, the hearing of the dispute should be delayed to enable them to prepare their case.

Mr. Croft had no objection to a reasonable postponement, but asked that this dispute should be heard before one in which the Commissioners were also respondents.

The President said the case would not be heard without respondents having ample opportunity of preparing their case.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. A. Henry.)

MOTION FOR RELEASE.

Re Herbert Buxton Ludlow. Order granted.

SECTION 30 EXAMINATION.

Re James M'Gregor Mitchell and William George Dodd. Three witnesses were examined, and the examination was declared closed.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATION.

Michael Power, of Pipeclay Creek, miner. Mr. L. T. Lloyd, assignee.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Backhouse.)

Mr. Herbert Harris prosecuted for the Crown.

LARCENY.

James Watson pleaded guilty to two charges of larceny, one in respect of goods stolen from Messrs. Grace Brothers, and the other in respect of goods stolen from Mrs. M'Cathie, Limited. Prisoner was remanded for sentence.

NOT PROCEEDED WITH.

Two charges of larceny preferred against Mary Watson, to which she pleaded not guilty, were not proceeded with, accused being bound over in her own recognisances to appear for trial when called upon.

A FIRST OFFENDER.

William Henry Cook pleaded guilty to an indictment for larceny, and also to an indictment for embezzlement. On the first charge he was sentenced to six months' hard labour, and released as a first offender conditionally upon paying £4 5s to the Clerk of the Peace within six months. On the second charge he was bound over to appear for sentence if called upon.

ACQUITTED.

Patrick Daniel O'Connell pleaded not guilty to a charge that on June 28, at Glebe Island, he stole one calf, the property of William Goldsmith.

Mr. C. D. Inglis appeared for the accused, whose defence was that the calf was killed by mistake, an occurrence not uncommon at Glebe Island.

After a brief retirement, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

STEALING.

George Gilberthorpe pleaded not guilty to a charge that on July 17, at North Sydney, he broke into and entered the shop of Charles Christopher Coleman, and stole various carpenter's tools, the property of Henry Jones and Arthur Leonard Stevenson.

Mr. George Wallace appeared for the accused.

The accused was found guilty of stealing and remanded for sentence.

RECEIVING.

Ernest Pearce and Edward Gurney pleaded not guilty to a charge that on July 19, at Balmain, they stole various articles from a ship then in port, such articles being the property of Henry Burrell. Both the accused were found guilty of receiving, and remanded for sentence.

ACQUITTED BY DIRECTION.

Sydney Hatton was acquitted, by direction of the Judge, on a charge of larceny from the steamer Helen Nicholl.

SENTENCES.

George Fraser, who pleaded guilty to three charges of having obtained property by false pretences, was sentenced on the first charge to 12 months' imprisonment, and released as a first offender upon the condition that he pay to the Clerk of the Peace within two months the sum of £24 1s 6d as compensation. On the other two charges accused was bound over to appear for sentence when called upon.

Bernard Crosby, for maliciously wounding, was sentenced to imprisonment till September 1, then to find a surety to be of good behaviour for three years, or in default serve a further sentence of 10 months.

Henry Crick, two years' hard labour for stealing; sentence to begin at the expiration of a nine months' sentence prisoner is now serving.

LAW NOTICES.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17.

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA.

Motions, 10.30 a.m. For hearing: Baume v the Commonwealth of Australia (par. heard).

SUPREME COURT.

Term List.—New trial motion: Hodgson and another v Thompson (part heard). Motion: Macintosh and another v Dun and others, for stay of proceedings. Special case: In re divorce issues under District Courts Amendment Act, 1905 (referred by Judge in Divorce). Demurrer: W. Scott Fell and Co. v Lloyd.

In No. 3 Jury Court, before Mr. Justice Pring.—Orme, Keigwin, and Co., Ltd., v McGee.

In Divorce.—Before the Judge in Divorce (in No. 1 Jury Court), 10 a.m.—Motions, etc.

In Equity.—Before Mr. Justice Street—Motions generally. 10 a.m.: The Star of the South Gold-mining Company and Companies Act, summons to dissolve company; Thompson v Donald, originating summons; Whitworth, J. A., decd., and Trustee Act, motion to appoint new trustee; Kaleski v Gullick, motion to dismiss suit; Eve, J. H., and Conveyancing and L. of P. Act, summons to appoint guardian; Mason v Albert, summons for substituted service. 2 p.m.: Kelly v A. L. Gillies, Grafton Bond, Ltd (part heard). Master's Office.—10 a.m.: Company and lunacy matters. 12 noon: Re J. L. Colwell and Conveyancing and L. of P. Act, to appoint auctioneer. 12.15 p.m.: Fieldhouse v Graham, to settle draft certificate. 2 p.m.: Gracey v Campbell, to settle minutes of decree.

Probates.—The following accounts will be taken at the Probate Office:—Archibald Hastings Ryrie, 10.30; Mary Foley, 11; Isaiah Mutton, 11.30; Richard Stack, 12.

In Lunacy.—Before the Master, 10.30 a.m.—Re incapable person: To settle draft report.

In Bankruptcy.—Before the Registrar, 11 a.m.—Certificate application: Edward George Maddocks Cohen. Single meetings: Franklin Rosseau Kron, Thomas Gascoigne. Examination under section 30: Martin Brislane. Confirmation of accounts and plans. Before the Chief Clerk, 10.30: Taxation of official assignee's costs: Carl Otto Muller.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.

Before the President and Members (in No. 2 District Court), 10 a.m.—For hearing: Amalgamated Slaughtermen and Journeymen Butchers' Union of N.S.W., claimant, and the Carcase Butchers' Association, respondent, for proof of jurisdiction (part heard).

DISTRICT COURT.

Before Judge Rogers, K.C., 10 a.m.—Motions generally: Shields v Burgess, Taylor v Keane, Godfrey and another v Graham, Heron v Morris, M'Allister v Davis, Whetters v Hobday and another, Commissioners of Taxation v Byrne, Booker v Owen, same v Caldwell, Braham and another v Kennedy, Commissioners of Taxation v Keary, Donney v Klindt, Tobin garnishee. Causes (not before 10.30 a.m.): Fitzgerald v Williams (part heard), Bastion v Ashworth, Lewis v Moore. Before the Registrar, 10.30 a.m.—Seaton sts. Richardson.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.

John McGinty, breaking and entering with intent; William Watson Jack, inflicting grievous bodily harm; Thomas Sullivan and Hannah Burke, stealing and receiving; William Henry Townend, false pretences; Victor Charles Tonsini, stealing; Christopher Columbus Wickham, assault; Albert Hill, Peter Johnson, George Sydney Cook, and William King, breaking and entering and stealing.

LAW EXAMINATIONS.

The following candidates have passed the intermediate examination for solicitors. The names are arranged in order of merit:—

Legal History.—L. M. Grainger, N. L. Dreyer, A. C. M'Donald, R. A. C. Adams, S. D. Paton, C. M. Lawford, L. E. O. Wilshire, J. Manning, J. B. Russell, H. E. Gibbes, H. Davis, A. F. Edwards.

Intermediate Law.—A. A. R. Hynes, J. G. M'Guren, W. Westgarth, L. E. O. Wilshire, F. Kenny.

Of Interest to Rugby Footballers.—The "Sydney Mail" is devoting a special section solely in the interests of first-grade footballers. Each week there are four splendid photos (specially taken by "The Taima Studios," 374 George-street, Sydney). This week F. L. Notting (Manly), R. Dudley (South Sydney), S. Wickham (Western Suburbs), and N. E. Row (Eastern Suburbs) appear. On August 22 S. Pearce (Eastern Suburbs), G. L. Riddell (Glebe), H. Bullock (University), and G. Flack (Balmain) will be given; to be followed on August 29 by A. Burge (South Sydney), W. Prentice (Western Suburbs), D. B Carroll (St. George), and A. G. Veness (Glebe). In September the following players will be portrayed, viz.—Messrs. Portus, Walker, Hughes, Hammond, Stack, D'Alpuget, Whitfield, Corbett, Ellis, Griffen, Hedley, Woods, Ballerum, Wilson, Fry, and Stuntz. This is in addition to the usual football section.—Advt.

THE SWEATING EVIL.

The anti-sweating committee reported at last night's meeting of the Sydney Labour Council that particulars were still coming to hand respecting low wages and hours obtaining in many callings. They drew attention to breaches of the Early Closing Act relating to time off to employees, and stated that the action of the Shops and Factories Department in endeavouring to secure adherence to the law was to be warmly commended. During the investigations of the committee frequent complaints were made regarding excessive charges made by registry office keepers in connection with the engagement of labour, and it was stated that it was the intention of the committee to furnish particulars of charges made in the next printed report in the hope that steps would be taken to have the fees regulated by Act of Parliament. The committee recommended to the council that the Labour party should be requested to urge upon the Government the advisableness of having a Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the sweating evil.

It was pointed out that in New Zealand every person employed in any capacity in a shop was entitled to receive from the occupier payment for the work as agreed upon, being in no case less than 5s per week for the first year, 8s per week for the second year, and 11s per week for the third year, with an annual increase of not less than 3s per week during every succeeding year of employment in the same trade until 20 years of age. Such pay was to be made in full at weekly or other intervals, as agreed upon, being in no case longer than fortnightly intervals, and such rate of payment was in every case to be irrespective of overtime. No premium in respect of the employment of any shop assistant was to be paid to or be received by the occupier, whether such premium was paid by the shop assistant employed or by some other person, and if the occupier committed any breach of that provision he would be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.

GLEBE ISLAND ABATTOIRS.

GROSS NEGLECT ALLEGED.

AN EXPERT EXAMINATION.

Mr. Henley, M.L.A., called the attention of the Premier just on the adjournment of the House last night to what he said was an alarming and disgraceful state of things that had recently been discovered at the Glebe Island abattoirs. Owing to the disagreeable smells pervading the atmosphere, the Mayor of Glebe (Alderman P. C. Lucas) ordered his inspector of nuisances to visit the island and inspect the site. The inspector had found about two tons of putrid matter buried, and other objectionable practices resorted to, which were detrimental to the public health.

The report of the inspector, Mr. G. J. Law, was afterwards submitted to the Premier. The inspector wrote that he, with Mr. Joseph Norton, one of the council's employees, was shown over the premises on 31st ult. by the superintendent, Mr. Shelly. Near the enginehouse, close to the foreshore, he found on opening the ground offal, partly treated by the desiccator, buried there. Mr. Shelly had no knowledge of the matter, but one of two men employed in the desiccator department stated that about two tons of partly treated matter was buried there in December last, when the machinery broke down. The inspector visited the premises on August 6, and found that the contents of bullocks' paunches were deposited by tipping the material over a high bank and covering the same with ashes. This was immediately to the rear of the mutton slaughter-house. Slops and other deleterious material flowed therein, adding to the unpleasant odour.

The Mayor added a memo to this report, stating that he had been credibly informed that the reservoir in the vicinity had not been emptied since the early part of May last. It was all emptied, and the bottom swept during Tuesday night last.

The Premier promised Mr. Henley that he would have the complaints inquired into, and see if it were possible to have the nuisance abated.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

FATHER AND SON CHARGED.

The hearing of the charge against Charles M'Farlane (49), produce merchant, and his son, William James M'Farlane (25), a clerk, of conspiring with Edmund George Gardiner to defraud George Blackmore and other persons of a large quantity of merchandise, was continued before Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., at the Water Police Court yesterday.

Mr. Armstrong, instructed by Messrs. M'Donell and Moffitt, appeared to prosecute, and Mr. J. W. Abigail for the defence.

William Percival Morris Bell, manager for Chisholm and Co., Randwick, in the course of his evidence, deposed that he had known Charles M'Farlane for six years. In connection with Gardiner M'Farlane had asked witness to say that he had lent Gardiner money, amounting to £100, at different times. Witness stated that he had been offered £25 if he would do so, but refused. The reason witness was asked to do as requested was that Gardiner could then account for £100 of his money.

The witness Bell was the last called for the prosecution.

In cross-examination by Mr. Abigail, witness stated that he had seen M'Farlane, sen., about a fortnight or three weeks after Gardiner's arrest. He had mentioned to M'Farlane that two men, presumably detectives, had offered him £10 to give evidence against M'Farlane. The two men were not Constables Beaton and Robertson. That they were both big men was the only reason he had for thinking they were detectives.

Edmund George Gardiner was then cross-examined at considerable length by Mr. Abigail.

The case was adjourned until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

POLICE COURTS.

ALLEGED ASSAULT AND ROBBERY.

At the Water Police Court yesterday, Ernest Myatt, 26, tailor, Robert James Burns, 29, labourer, and Frederick Hannemann, 25, fireman, were charged with assaulting Edward Williams and robbing him of about £23 in money, a bank draft for £80, three Kruger sovereigns, and other articles, of the total value of £103, on August 3.

The evidence of Robert Bruce, the arresting constable, was to the effect that he saw the prosecutor leave the Brooklyn Hotel, George-street, and enter the Star Hotel. Myatt shortly after also left the Brooklyn Hotel, and stood near the Star, where he was joined by Burns. Hannemann also left the Star Hotel by a side door. Shortly after Williams also came out of the same hotel, his clothing being disarranged, and he was bleeding from a wound in the neck. The prosecutor made a complaint to witness, who arrested Myatt and Hannemann, who were leaving another hotel. Burns was subsequently arrested by Constable Robert Black. The accused Burns while on the way to the station bolted, but was caught.

In answer to Hannemann's solicitor witness said that the accused (Hannemann) was of exceptionally good character as far as he knew. He was told by a barmaid at the Star that Hannemann was not in the hotel at the time.

The prosecutor stated that on the date in question he had been drinking in several hotels. He knew Myatt, but not the other two accused. Witness in paying for drinks had displayed a purse containing gold. In the back premises of the hotel four men assaulted him, one of whom held him by the throat while he was being robbed.

After further evidence had been taken Hannemann was discharged. Myatt and Burns were each committed for trial.

A SUSPECTED PERSON.

At the Central Police Court yesterday Matthew Jones, 66, carpenter, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment on a charge of being a suspected person found frequenting a lane off Regent-street with intent to commit a felony—to wit, to steal.

LICENSING COURT.

At the meeting of the Metropolitan Licensing Court yesterday the following transfers of publicans' licenses were granted:—George Smith to Mathew Meade, Oddfellows' Hotel, George-street, Sydney; Mary Condran to John A. Ferguson, Observer Tavern, George-street; William Williamson to Albert Innes, The Bells Hotel, Cowper Wharf; Philip Lowry to Mary Jane Rolfe, Cauliflower Hotel, Botany-road, Waterloo; Thomas J. Finnan to Septimus J. Owens, Australian Youth Hotel, Bay-street, Glebe; Maurice Meadham to George Lane, Glasgow Arms Hotel, Harris-street; James F. O'Sullivan to James Galvin, Miners' Arms Hotel, George-street; William J. Power to Daniel Augustus Hannan, Queen's Arms Hotel, Bourke-street; Charles A. Lee (Minister for Public Works, having come into legal possession) to William Walsh, New York Hotel, George-street.

FOOD ADULTERATION.

At the Balmain Police Court on Wednesday, before Mr. A. N. Barnett, S.M., Mr. F. J. Paris, inspector of nuisances to the Balmain Council, proceeded against several persons for selling food "unfit for human consumption." Annie Mary Drew, of Darling-street, was fined £2, with £1 2s costs, for selling Worcestershire sauce adulterated with salicylic acid to the extent 1.3 grains per pint. Mary P. Elbe, of Evans-street, was fined £2, with £1 2s costs, on a charge of selling tomato sauce adulterated with salicylic acid to the extent of 1.4 grains per pint. Charles A. Hancott, of Darling-street, was convicted on a charge of selling Worcestershire sauce containing 3.3 grains of salicylic per pint, and was fined £4, with costs £1 2s, with the alternative of 14 days' imprisonment. Defendant in the latter case said he had purchased the sauce on the understanding that it was perfectly pure.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

At the Water Police Court yesterday, Arthur Nigel Rose, 23, musician, was charged that, while being the bailee of a bicycle valued at £14 10s, the property of Alexander M'Neill, he converted the same to his own use. Accused was committed for trial.

At the same Court, Laura Beveridge, 40, and Maud Compton, 45, were committed for trial on a charge of stealing the sum of 4s 6d from the person.

O'er land and sea, over islands free,
Encircled by reef and palm.
'Neath the tropic sun, mid the tides' swift run,
Australasian waves are calm.
For under the flag that the zephyrs wag
'Neath the cross that will aye endure,
Is sure to be found, upon Austral ground,
Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.—Advt.

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MINING INTELLIGENCE.

THE SHARE MARKET.

An absolutely featureless market prevailed yesterday morning. It could not be described as an all-round market, so far as the amount of business was concerned, for the simple reason that very few transactions were recorded. Two factors operated to bring about this result—the absence of good buying commissions and the firm attitude of scrip holders.

Thus, whilst silver stocks were represented only by transactions in Broken Hill Proprietary at 73s 3d, and North Broken Hill at 56s 6d, both indicating considerable firmness, holders of British Broken Hill, Block 10, Broken Hill Junction North, and Broken Hill South (paid), declined to come down below recent rates.

The C.S.A. group of silver-lead mines were neglected, whilst there was very little disposition shown to operate in New South Wales gold mines. The same was the case with Queensland gold mines, but there were more calls than usual for Western Australian mines, especially for Barrambie Ranges, on the strength of the information posted at the Stock Exchange, as the result of a visit of two of the directors to the mine.

Copper mines were noticeable by a failure on the part of O.Ks. to recover from the previous day's weakness. Very little attention paid to other Queensland copper ventures, excepting Mount Morgans, which sold well at 71s. In New South Wales copper mines, Queen Bee strengthened its position to 25s 6d; whilst there were fair inquiries for Shuttleton and Girilambone shares. Bendigo gold stocks were rather quiet.

Bad as the market was in the morning, it was even worse during the afternoon. Extreme lethargy prevailed, so far as mining transactions were concerned. The little activity that did show itself was concentrated upon investment stocks. Even then many of the brokers closed their books for the day without having written a line.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COPPER.		
Chillagoe	0 3 9	—
Crowl Creek	—	0 7 0
Girilambone Mining	0 1 2	0 1 6
Mount Elliott	1 12 0	1 13 0
Mount Molloy	0 15 0	0 16 0
Mungana (Chillagoe)	0 2 9	0 3 2
North Nymagee	0 0 9	0 1 2
O.K.	0 16 10	0 17 1½
Queen Bee	1 5 0	1 6 6
Shuttleton	—	0 3 2
Ditto, contributing	0 1 0	0 2 0
Wallaroo and Moonta	2 10 9	2 14 0
TIN.		
Briseis	0 13 9	—
Dalziell's Tin Mines	0 7 6	0 7 10
Smith's Creek Proprietary	0 7 1	0 7 6
Vulcan	0 14 0	0 14 6
SILVER. New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	2 2 6	2 3 3
Broken Hill Proprietary	3 12 8	3 13 3
Ditto Block 10	3 17 0	4 0 0
Ditto, preference	1 9 6	—
B. H. Junction	0 4 10	—
B.H. Junction North	0 18 3	0 18 10½
B. H. North	2 16 6	2 17 0
B. H. North Extended	—	0 2 0
B.H. South	5 2 6	5 5 0
B.H. South, contributing	4 15 0	4 17 0
B. H. South Blocks	1 11 0	—
Argus	—	0 0 7
Burragorang	—	1 5 0
Ditto, contributing	—	0 11 0
Cobar Peak	—	0 4 3
C.S.A., paid	—	1 8 0
New White Leads	0 3 6	0 4 0
Rising Sun	0 1 1½	0 1 3
Sulphide Corporation (preference)	1 0 0	—
Sulphide Corporation (ordinary)	0 11 6	0 12 6
Tasmania.		
Curtis and Davis	0 0 6	0 0 8
GOLD. New South Wales, etc.		
Baker's Creek	0 1 8	0 1 11
Harden	1 2 6	1 2 6
Mount David	0 0 9½	0 0 11
Mount Drysdale	—	0 2 3
Myall and Peak Hill (paid)	0 3 6	0 3 10
New Hillgrove Proprietary	0 7 6	0 7 9
Occidental	0 7 9	0 8 4½
Sunlight	0 0 8	0 1 0
Woodlark Island	0 1 8	0 2 0
Ditto, contributing	0 0 4	0 0 6
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Amalgamated Tin	0 7 4½	0 7 7
Araluen Central	0 11 9	0 15 3
Ditto, contributing	0 11 0	—
Associated Gold Dredging	0 6 3	0 6 6
Buckland River	0 1 3	0 1 4
Cope's Creek	0 6 0	0 6 0
Elrington, contributing	—	0 2 0
Jembaicumbene Middle Ground	0 1 6	—
Melbourne Cope's, paid	0 7 0	—
New Wylie Creek	—	0 6 6
Ovens Valley	0 5 6	—
Parker's Tin, contributing	0 2 0	0 4 6
Turon River	0 6 0	—
Queensland. Charters Towers, etc.		
Band of Hope	—	0 2 0
Ditto, contributing	—	0 1 6
Bonnie Dundee	0 2 0	0 2 6
Brilliant Central	0 6 6	—
Brilliant Extended	0 18 3	—
Ditto, contributing	0 16 6	—
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, etc.	0 1 0	0 1 3
Grant and Sunset Extended	0 0 6	—
Kelly's Queen's Block	0 4 10	—
Ditto, contributing	0 13 10	—
London, contributing	0 0 9	—
Marshall's Queen	—	0 4 6
Ditto, contributing	—	0 3 3
Mount Morgan	3 11 9	3 12 0
Papuan	0 1 6	—
Queen Central	0 3 6	0 3 10
Ruby, contributing	0 1 4	—
Victory	0 4 2	0 4 6
Gympie.		
North Columbia and Smithfield No. 1	—	0 1 8
Ditto, contributing	0 0 8½	0 0 10
North Oriental and Glanmire No. 1	0 3 4	0 4 0
North Smithfield	0 1 0	—
North Smithfield No. 1	0 5 0	—
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 4 6	0 5 0
South Great Eastern No. 2	—	0 12 0
South Oriental and Glanmire No. 1	—	0 2 0
Victoria.		
Rustler's Reef	1 4 6	—
Western Australia.		
Associated	—	1 19 0
Ditto, Northern Blocks	—	1 5 0
Barrambie Range	1 11 6	—
Chaffer's	—	0 1 9
Great Boulder	1 5 9	1 6 6
Ditto, Main Reef	—	0 3 3
Ditto, No. 1	—	0 7 0
Great Fingall Consolidated	—	4 0 0
Hainault	—	1 13 6
Lake View Consols, L. R.	0 19 0	—
Oroya-Brown Hill	2 15 0	—
Queensland Menzies	0 4 0	0 4 6
Queen Margaret	—	0 4 6

EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were reported:—Forenoon: Woodlark Island, contg., 4½d; Vulcan Tin, 14s 6d; Queen Bee, 25s 6d. Noon: Mount Morgan, 71s; O.K., paid, 17s 4d, 17s 4½d; North Broken Hill, 56s 6d; Queen Central (paid), 3s 5d; Broken Hill Proprietary, 73s 3d; O.K. Copper, paid, 17s 4½d; Tasmanian Copper, 8s 1d; Wallaroo and Moonta, 51s 4½d; Araluen Central, paid, 12s. Afternoon: B. H. South, contg, 96s; Amalgamated Tin, 7s 6d. Later: O.K. Copper, paid, 17s; Mount Morgan, 73s.

MINING NOTES.

The South Glanmire and Monkland Company (Gympie) report a yield of 1203oz amalgam from 1352 tons.

Charters Towers yields:—New Queen, 357 tons, gold valued at £1144; Phoebe, 473 tons, gold valued at £1230.

Gympie yields:—No. 1 South Oriental, 740 tons yielded 303oz 6dwt smelted gold; New Dawn, 70 tons yielded 68oz retorted gold.

The Amalgamated Tin Dredging Company has declared a dividend (the first) of 6d per share, payable on and after the 29th inst. Transfer books close on August 23.

The deepest gold mine in Australia is the Victoria Quartz, on the New Chum line, Bendigo. The shaft is down 4300ft, more than three-quarters of a mile from the surface. The cost of sinking from 4048ft to 4300ft averaged £5 16s per foot. Two plats were cut at a cost of £81 4s 2d each, the total expenditure on the 252ft being £1461 15s 2d.

The Transvaal gold output for June exceeded the previous highest record, the total being 475.975 fine ounces, valued at £2,021,813, or an increase of 14,773 ounces as compared with May. The total number of natives employed at the end of June was 77,557, or a decrease of 1125 on the month. The total for the first six months of the present year is 2,656,448 fine ounces, against 2,360,770 fine ounces for the corresponding period of last year, or an increase of 295,679 fine ounces.

Progressive work is still the order of the day in the C.S.A. group of mines. The shaft of the C.S.A. Central is down 106ft, and a contract has been let to sink to 150ft. In the C.S.A. North mine the shaft on Block 15 is 114ft, the sinking consisting of a bed of clay slate, with small bunches of light ore matter. On Block 19 the shaft (136ft) is passing through altered slate, with seams of iron and quartz. It is more disturbed at the bottom than at any previous time.

An extraordinary meeting of the Sunlight Gold-mining Company, No Liability, was held on Wednesday, at the registered office of the company, to consider a requisition by five shareholders, referring to the expenditure and reports since the incorporation of the company. After a long discussion by the shareholders present (some of whom attended from the country), they expressed their dissatisfaction at the meeting being called, when there was nothing to justify the same. A resolution was moved and carried unanimously that the directors and secretary retained the confidence of the shareholders.

In 1902 an extensive area, embracing the auriferous reefs on Hawkin's Hill, Hill End, was reserved from occupation under miners' rights. The object was to facilitate important prospecting works (involving the driving of a low-level tunnel), which it was hoped capitalists would be induced to undertake. As this area has been locked up for a long period, and no advantage has been taken of the inducement held out by the department for the carrying out of the work in question, the Minister for Mines, Mr. S. W. Moore, has decided that he would not be justified in keeping the land locked up any longer. He has therefore directed that it again be made available for occupation under miners' rights on October 3 next, immediately on the publication of the necessary "Gazette."

At the Stock Exchange yesterday the following telegram was posted from Messrs. Thompson and Lynch, directors of the Barrambie Ranges mine (W.A.), who have just returned from a visit to the mine:—"Just returned from mine. Heavy rain retarded progress. No 1 shaft, large sample from 105ft level, south face, returned 14oz per ton; reef 2ft 6in. North, at 105ft level, 1oz 8dwt; reef 3ft. Further on stone worth about 15oz. No 4 shaft, sample from bottom, 3oz 9dwt; reef over 3ft wide. Bottom of Golden Hill shaft, 2oz 16dwt. Battery nearly completed. Water shaft being timbered. Boiler for well has arrived at Nannio. Let work for all work at cyanide plant. Cost erected £206. Purchased all material required. Highly pleased with mine. About 1000 tons of stone at grass."

GAMBLING IN TIN WARRANTS.

In answering a question recently put to him in the House of Commons on the subject of gambling in tin warrants, the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Lloyd-George, said:—"I am aware that the price of tin in London rose from £160 5s per ton at the end of 1905 to £213 at May 15, 1906. Since that date the price has declined almost continuously, and on June 28 it stood at £177 15s. Both the rise and fall appear to be due to a combination of causes, among which no doubt speculation has been an important factor. Other causes are the state of the world's supply and stocks of tin, and the conditions prevailing in the tinplate trade. I do not consider that any steps could usefully be taken by H.M. Government in this matter."

Mr. Charles W. Smith, author of "Options and Futures" and "International, Financial, and Commercial Gambling," has traced the course of the operations of an American combination, whose influence was first seen in the rapid inflation of the prices of tin from, say, £160 a ton to £215 a ton, and, later, in their no less swift depression. By means of operations on the London Metal Exchange the price of tin was forced up to £215 per ton. This enormous increase in the price of the raw material of their trade involved tremendous losses to the manufacturers in Birmingham, the Midlands, and South Wales. On the strength of these inflated prices it had been found possible to resuscitate the Cornish tin-mining industry, which had lain idle for the past 25 or 30 years. A "bear" syndicate was subsequently formed in London to depress prices, which rapidly fell from £215 per ton to about £174 per ton, this phenomenal fall in values simultaneously destroying the basis of the revived Cornish tin-mining industry.

DR. R. LOGAN JACK, F.G.S.

Dr. R. Logan Jack, F.G.S., F.R.G.S., M.I.M.E., has announced his intention to revisit Queensland on professional business. He purposes leaving Perth, W.A., by the Cooeyanna on the 21st inst, and should therefore be in Sydney before September 1. For upwards of 20 years Dr. Jack was Government Geologist of Queensland, and the evidence is incontestable that he was the discoverer of Queensland's artesian water supply. He advised on practically every detail in the successful development of the Mount Morgan gold mine; and his reports on the Cloncurry copper field are standard works of reference to-day. So long ago as 1887 he observed and recorded the fact that the Dawson-Mackenzie coal was identical with the best Welsh. His official connection with Queensland terminated in the year 1899, after acting as Commissioner for Queensland at the Greater Britain Exhibition, Earl's Court, London. He resigned, to accept the private work of reporting on the mineral resources of China for an English Company. His book, "The Back Blocks of China," gives us an insight into the Boxer rebellion, and tells of his escape through Burma. Two years ago Dr. Jack was appointed by the West Australian Government to act as a Royal Commission of Inquiry on West Australian coals. His knowledge of North Queensland mines is now being availed of by capitalists.

MINING IN THE STATE.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

Gradually the trouble in treating the ore at the Commonwealth mine is being overcome. The development of this mine has been seriously hampered by the refractory character of the ore. It is a very black substance when taken from the mine, but gets lighter in colour when exposed to daylight. As a flux for smelting, it was decided by Mr. Ashcroft, the manager, to use ironstone, and after casting around for deposits that material has obtained, amongst other places, at Kerr's Creek. Seventy to 80 tons are required a week.

At the present time many people are applying for miner's rights, to enable them to prospect near at hand for ironstone, in view of the sure market. Amongst the various stuffs now used in the smelting operations are the roasted ore, oxidised, green ore (from Dickerton Creek), ironstone, limestone, coke, and slag. The mine has not been working this week, but it is expected that a start will be made on Friday. The company has spent a great amount of money in developing and testing this mine, and as soon as the difficulties of treating the ore are fully defeated, much more machinery will be erected, and a large number of men employed. Already a canvas village has reared itself near to the settlement of Yarragal.

The Belara copper field, near Spicer's Creek, is showing renewed activity. A parcel of seven or eight tons from Davidson and party's claim has just given a return of £68, including 2oz gold per ton. The party has commenced prospecting on Mr. T. Crick's Bungiebomah property. An assay made at the Commonwealth mine of the surface stuff gave 12½ per cent. of copper. The old Belara mine, which is being worked by an English syndicate, for which Mr. E. Cock is manager, is being bailed out, prior to being reworked.

WOLUMLA, Thursday.

The Wolumla Gold Mines, Ltd., have their working system complete; all workings are connected by tramline with the battery. Good milling ore is being broken in the North Pacific portion, in which a new reef carrying rich stone, just met with, is being opened up, in addition to known reefs. In Maker's lease the reef is being driven on north and south, and returning fairly good stone. The battery is running full time, and sufficient stone is being broken to keep the mill going continuously. Tailings are being treated by cyanide. Generally, the mine is looking well. The Pacific Mines Company is making good headway with lower level tunnels towards main workings. Slimes are continuously being treated and give good returns. J. Murphy and party have obtained three months' exemption from labour conditions on their lease.

THE BARRIER MINES.

DEVELOPING THE BRITISH MINE.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The British Broken Hill mill did well last week, treating 2518 tons of crudes, assaying 16 per cent. lead, 9¼oz silver, and 15.9 per cent. zinc, for 432 tons of concentrates, worth 61.3 per cent. lead, 27.4oz silver, 10½ per cent. zinc. During the past fortnight the mine sent away 604 tons of concentrates. The mine generally is looking well, the usual grades of sulphides being won from various sections. The Marsh section is steadily increasing the output. Stoping is proceeding at Nos. 2, 3, and 4 levels. The prospecting shaft, being put down near King's shaft, attained a depth of 97ft. In the Howell section the west drive at the 500ft level, from end of the stope, is now in 23ft. A new bore, No. 92, has been started at this level to follow the north lode down to the 600ft level. No. 91 bore was deepened to 70ft, and No. 90 to 132ft, both following the lode from 600ft.

Block 10 mill last week treated a larger quantity of crudes than usual, viz., 3283 tons, assaying 13.4 per cent. lead, 11.2oz silver, and 15.2 per cent. zinc, for 444 tons of concentrates, worth 62.6 per cent. lead, 34.2oz silver, and 8.3 per cent. zinc. Hauling through the main shaft from the 1215ft level is now proceeding, and an endeavour will be made to keep up the larger output. No special developments are occurring in the mine.

The warden to-day notified in his court that he had strongly recommended the Minister for Mines to grant a lease over the Nil Desperandum mine at the Pinnacles to Smith and party, who had given an option over the property to the Broken Hill Proprietary Company. This company offered terms for the adjoining property, but they were not accepted.

In the case brought by Richard English against E. H. Fromen to have cancelled certain transfers of rights over land at Yanco Glen, the warden to-day decided in favour of English, and ordered the Mining Registrar to cancel the transfers. This is land whereon Fromen and others proposed to establish an irrigation area. English parted with his alleged rights to Fromen on behalf of a syndicate, but now sought to resume those rights, though he had been paid a sum of money for them. English gave evidence that he considered the rights worth £50,000.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—Western Australian mines: Associated (colonial), 36s, b 35s 9d, s 36s; Associated Northern Blocks (colonial), b 23s, s 24s; Bayley's, 1s 4d, 1s 5½d; Boulder Perseverance (colonial), 10s 3d, b 10s 1½d, s 10s 3d; Great Boulder, 26s 3½d, 26s 4½d, b 26s 3d, s 26s 4½d; Golden Pole, 5s 7d, 5s 8d, 5s 7d, b 5s 7d, s 5s 8d; Golden Ridge, b 5s 3d, s 5s 6d; Hainault, b 31s, s 33s; Queen Margaret, 4s 3d, b 4s 1d, s 4s 2d; Victory, 1s 5d, 1s 5½d, b 1s 5d, s 1s 6d; Narlaria Hills, 30s, b 28s, s 34s.

Silver: British Broken Hill (old), b 43s, s 43s 6d; ditto (new), 42s 3d, b 42s, s 42s 3d; Block 10, 78s 6d, 79s 3d, b 79s, s 79s 6d; Block 14, pref. (colonial), 29s 4½d, b 29s 3d, s 29s 6d; ditto, ordinary (colonial), 30s 3d, 30s 1½d, b 30s 1½d, s 30s 4½d; Broken Hill, 72s 9d, 72s 3d, b 72s 3d, s 72s 9d; B.H. Junction North, 18s 7½d, 18s 7½d, 18s 9d; B.H. Junction, b 5s 1d, s 5s 2d; North Broken Hill, 56s 3d 56s 6d, b 56s 3d, s 56s 9d; B.H. South (contg), 96s, b 97s 3d, s 98s; B.H. South Blocks, Ltd., 32s 1½d, b 31s 9d, s 32s; Sulphides, ordinary, b 11s 9d, s 12s.

Copper: Mount Lyell, b 44s, s 45s; ditto, Blocks, b 7s 6d, s 7s 9d; Wallaroo and Moonta, 51s 3d, 51s, 50s 9d, 51s 6d; O.K. (paid), 17s, 16s 7½d, 17s, b 17s, s 17s 3d; Mount Molloy, 15s 9d, b 15s 6d, s 16s.

Tin: Briseis, 14s 6d, 14s 7½d, 14s 7½d, 14s 9d; Gladstone, £5 2s 6d, b £5, s £5 10s; Ringarooma, 55s, b 64s, s 67s; Weldbrook, 45s, b 44s, s 47s; Dalziell, b 7s 7d, s 7s 9d; Stannary Hills, 2s 9½d, b 2s 9d, s 2s 9½d; ditto Debentures, £14 10s, b £14, s £14 10s; Smith's Creek, 7s 1d, 7s, 7s 1d.

Various: Echunga Sluicing Company, 70s, 69s, 70s; Baker's Creek, 1s 9d, b 1s 8d, s 1s 9½d.

BENDIGO, Thursday.

To-day's quotations and sales were:—Catherine Reef, b 69s, s 71s 6d, sales 70s 6d; Clarence United, b 25s 6d, s 27s; Collmann and Tacchi Co., b 10s 1d, s 10s 2d, sales 11s 9d, 10s 10½d; Garden Gully United, b 16s 6d, s 21s; Goldfields Consols, b 16s, s 16s 1d, sales 16s 3d, 16s; Goldfields Extended, b 3s 3d, s 3s 5d; Goldfields North, b 6s 3d, s 6s 7½d; Goldfields South, b 4s 3d, s 5s; Hustlers' Reef, s 26s 3d; New Argus, b 29s 9d, s 31s, sales 30s; New Chum Goldfields, b 28s 10½d, s 29s, sales 29s; New Moon, ex div., b £7 1s, s £7 5s; North Bendigo, b 13s 1d, s 13s 3d, sales 13s 1½d, 13s; North New Moon, b 62s, s 64s, sales 62s; South New Moon, b £6 7s, s £6 10s, sale £6 7s; Specimen Hill, b 42s 6d, s 44s 6d, sales 42s 6d, 43s; Ulster United, b 49s 6d, s 50s 6d; Virginia, b £4 19s, s £5; Williams' United, b 20s, s 21s.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

To-day's quotations were: Chillagoe, 3s 10½d, 4s; Dalziell's, 7s 4d, 8s; Hampden Cloncurry (paid), s 15s 9d; Mount Molloy, 15s 3d, 16s; forward, b 15s 3d; O.K., 17s 1d, 17s 4d; Mount Warminster Lead and Copper, contg, b £13 10s.

Sales: O.K., 17s 1d.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

To-day's quotations were:—Band of Hope, paid, s 2s; Bonnie Dundee, 2s 3d, 2s 7d; Brilliant Central, b 6s; Brilliant, 5s 11d, 6s 4d; Brilliant Block, 5s 3d, 6s; ditto, paid, 5s 10d, 6s; Brilliant Extended, b 16s 9d; ditto, paid, b 18s 9d; Carrington's Lion, s 3s; Clark's Worcester, 9d, 1s; ditto, paid, 1s 1d, 1s 3d; D.D. Gold Mines, 5s 4d, 5s 6d; School Reserve, 2s 8d, 2s 10d; ditto, paid, 2s 9d, 2s 10d; East Mexican, 7s 9d, 8s 3d; ditto, paid, b 11s 6d; Golden Alexandra, 4s 5d, 4s 7d; ditto, paid, 5s 4d, 5s 6d; Grant and Sunset, paid 4d, 6d; Imperial, 2d, 3d; Kelly's Block, 4s 4½d, 4s 6d; ditto, paid, b 5s; Kulamadau, 1s 11d, 2s 1d; ditto, paid, b 2s 3d; Marshall's Queen, 2s 6d, 2s 11½d; ditto, paid, 3s 4d, 2s 7d; Mill's United, 27s 6d, 28s; Mystery Deep, 11d, 3d; New B Freehold, 2s 9d, 3s 10d; New Queen, 3s 1d, 3s 2d; Papuan, 1s 6d, 1s 8d; Phoebe, 1s 6½d, 1s 8d; Queen Central, 3s 6d, 3s 9d; Queen Deep, 2s 10d, 3s 1d; Quinn's, 1s 10d, 2s; Ruby, 1s, 1s 6d; Victoria Queen, 2s, 2s 6d; Victoria and Caledonia, 1s 4d, 1s 5d; Victory, b 4s; Wallis', 5d, 6d; Mount Cannindah, s 6s 6d; Chillagoe, b 3s 10d; Mount Elliott, 33s 3d, 33s 9d; Mount Molloy, 15s 6d, 15s 9d; O.K., b 16s 6d; Willcock's Cloncurry, £57, £63; Dalziell's, 7s 8d, 8s; Smith's Creek, 7s 2d, 7s 6d; Vulcan, 13s 9d, 14s 6d.

Sales: School Reserve, 3s 8d, 2s 9d; ditto, paid, 2s 10d, 2s 10½d; Golden Alexandra, 4s.

GYMPIE, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—No. 2 North Columbia, 2s 7d; North Smithfield, 1s 5d.

Quotations: No. 1 North Columbia (new), 8d, 9d; No. 2 North Columbia, 2s 6d, 2s 10d; No. 1 South Great Eastern, 1s, 1s 6d; Oriental and Glanmire, 4s, 5s; No. 1 North Oriental, 3s 5d, 3s 11d; Oriental Extended (paid), 10d, 1s 1d; ditto, contg, 4½d, 6d; East Oriental, contg, 4d, 5½d; No. 1 North Smithfield, 5s, 6s 6d; Smithfield Tributes, 6½d, 7½d; United, 7s 8d; Monkland, 2d, 6d.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

To-day's quotations were:—Tasmania, b 17s 10½d, s 20s; Hercules, b 5s 11d, s 6s 4d; Mount Lyell, b 43s; Tasmanian Copper, 68s 2d; Mount Bischoff, b £52, s £53 10s; Arba, b 21s, s 22s; Pioneer, b £9, s £9 5s; Wynlford, s 2s 1d.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—Silver: Block 10, 77s 6d, 79s, 78s 6d, s 80s; British Broken Hill (old), b 43s, s 44s; Broken Hill, 73s, b 72s, s 73s; B.H. Junction North, 18s 9d, b 18s 7½d, s 18s 9d; B.H. North Extended, s 1s 9d; B.H. South, contg, b 96s; ditto (paid), b £5 4s; B.H. South Blocks, 32s 32s 6d, 32s 3d, b 32s, s 32s 3d; New White Leads, b 3s 5d, s 4s; North Broken Hill, b 56s, s 56s 6d.

Gold and copper: Mt. Lyell, b 44s, s 45s; ditto, Blocks, 7s 6d, b 7s 5d, s 7s 7d; ditto, Consols, 1s 5d, b 1s 4½d, s 1s 6d, ditto (paid), 1s 4d, b 1s 3d, s 1s 5d; Murchison River (paid), 2s, s 2s 1d; Hampden, 15s, b 15s, s 15s 6d; Mt. Elliott, 32s, 32s 6d, 32s 3d, b 32s, s 32s 6d; O.K. Copper, 16s, 17s, b 16s 7½d, s 16s 10½d; ditto, Adelaide Register, 16s 10½d, 17s 1½d; Crowl Creek, s 5s; Mt. Morgan, 72s.

Tin: Amalgamated, 7s 6d, b 7s 4d, s 7s 8d; Blue Tier, 88s, b 87s, s 95s; Briseis, 14s 6d, b 14s 4½d, s 14s 6d; ditto, Extended, £4 12s 6d, £5 6s, £5 2s, b £5, s £5 3s; Cope's Creek C. (paid), s 16s; Fancy Creek, 95s, b 95s; Gladstone, b £5; Mutual Hill, 3s, b 2s 11d, s 3s 1d; North Eastern, £5 5s, s £5 10s; Pioneer Extended, 2s 5d, 2s 3d, b 2s 1d, s 2s 5d; Ringarooma, b 76s, s 80s; Tingha South, 5s, b 4s 6d; Transit, 30s, 32s, b 32s, s 35s; Weldbrook, 47s, b 48s, s 50s.

Victorian gold mines: Ajax, 29s, 28s 6d, b 28s, s 29s 6d; Bromley's Reef, 1s 1d, b 1s; Cassilis, b 16s, s 17s; Cathcart, 2s 1d, 2s, b 2s, s 2s 1d; Catherine Reef, 71s, b 70s, s 72s; Clarence United, 27s, b 27s; Collmann and Tacchi, 11s 6d, 10s 3d, b 10s, s 10s 3d; Duke and M. L., 8s, b 7s 6d; Fulton's Creek, 3s, 2s 8d, b 2s 6d, s 2s 8d; Garden Gully, 17s 6d, b 17s; Glenfine South, 12s 9d, 13s, 12s 9d, b 12s 7½d, s 12s 10½d; Goldfields Consols, 16s 4½d, 16s 1½d, b 16s 1½d, s 16s 4½d; Great Southern, b 20s, s 22s; Hans, 1s 5d, b 1s 3d; Lazarus, 5s 10d, b 5s 6d, s 5s 10d; Lightning Hill, 2s 1d; Long Tunnel, £8 2s, £8 6s, b £8 5s, s £8 6s; ditto Extended, £15 15s, b £15 15s; New Argus, b 29s 6d; New Chum Gold, 28s 6d, 29s, b 28s 9d, s 29s 3d; New Dempsey, 6s 6d, b 6s, s 6s 9d; North Bendigo, 13s 3d, b 13s 1½d, s 13s 4½d; North Caledonia, 1s 6d, s 1s 6d; Nuggetty Ajax South, 1s 2d, 1s 3d, b 1s 1d; Russell's Reef, 1s 6d, b 1s 4d, s 1s 6d; South Birthday, 6s, b 6s 6d, s 6s 9d; South German, 9s, 9s 6d, b 9s 6d, s 9s 9d; South New Moon, £6 10s, b £6 6s, s £6 12s; Specimen Hill, 45s, 43s, b 42s 6d, s 43s 6d; Victoria Quartz, 2s 7d, b 2s 6d, s 2s 8d; Williams' United, 20s, b 19s 6d, s 20s 6d.

Western Australian gold mines: Barrambie Ranges, 32s 6d, 33s 6d, 34s, b 34s, s 34s 3d; Black Range, b £15 10s, s £17; Great Boulder, b 26s, s 26s 6d; Ivanhoe, b £7, s £8.

THE KALGOORLIE MINES.

KALGOORLIE (W.A.), Thursday.

During July 1300 tons of ore were treated at Green Mount, Southern Cross, for 430oz, valued at £1488. The expenditure inclusive of capital and development totalled £1532. About 48 tons of telluride ore have been sent by the owners of Hidden Secret lease to the Fremantle smelters for treatment. The parcel is expected to average about 12oz of fine gold to the ton. Prospecting for the downward continuation of the rich chute is still proceeding at the 300ft level of this mine. The body of the lode stuff recently struck at the 300ft level in the north-western corner of the Associated Northern assayed 14dwt. The width is 6ft. A start has since been made with the rise on it so as to connect with the winze from the level above the main workings. This mine is reported to be looking extremely well, and the values of the ore reserves are, if anything, greater now than when the mill was brought into operation two years and a half ago.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, Aug. 16.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday quotations of Australian mining ventures were:—British Broken Hill, b 43s, s 44s; North Broken Hill, b 56s 3d, s 57s 6d; South Broken Hill, b £5 1s 3d, s £5 3s 9d.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends have been declared payable on the dates mentioned hereunder. C. denotes when transfer books close, and P. when payable.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.		
Amalgamated Tin, C. Aug. 23, P. Aug. 29	0	6
Queen Bee, C. Aug. 24, P. Aug. 29	1	0
Tingha South, C. Aug. 14, P. Aug. 17	0	2
Broken Hill South, C. Aug. 3, P. Aug. 18	2	6
Cope's Creek Extended, C. Aug. 14, P. Aug. 17	0	3
VICTORIA.		
Great Southern, C. Aug. 18, P. Aug. 23	0	6
Birthday Tunnel, C. July 13, P. Aug. 18	0	6
Catherine Reef United, C. Aug. 14, P. Aug. 17	1	0
Enterprise Dredging, C. Aug. 21, P. Aug. 24	1	0
Perseverance Dredging, C. Aug. 21, P. Aug. 24	1	0
QUEENSLAND.		
Mount Molloy (copper), C. Aug. 15, P. Aug. 18	0	6
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.		
Phillips River Options, final P. Aug. 31	2	0
Golden Pole, C. Aug. 27, P. Aug. 30	0	6
Golden Horseshoe, P. Aug. 29	5	0
TASMANIA.		
Magnet, P. Aug. 22	1	0
Briseis Tin, C. Aug. 13, P. Aug. 28	0	9
New Brothers Home No. 1 tin, C. Aug. 15, P. Aug. 22	0	6
North Mount Farrell, C. Aug. 25, P. Sept. 1	0	8

For Children's Hacking Cough at Night, Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. 1s 6d.—Advt.

The recent Forbes Show is illustrated in this week's "Sydney Mail," and there are expert articles by "Lana" on the exhibits.—Advt.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

A fair amount of interesting work took place at Randwick yesterday morning on the middle grass track and on the tan. On the former rink Earnshaw made a start with Lest We Forget and Poseidon, who covered a mile at a working pace in 1m 54s, while Corfu and Contort spurted half that distance. Ossian, looking well, went usefully over a mile, a distance which Merveil travelled without trouble in 1m 52½s. A useful mile and a quarter gallop went down to Antonious, and Becky ran a mile in 1m 50s. Scot Free covered a round at a stout working pace, while Epic and Jardy were not fully extended over six furlongs, which occupied 1m 24s. Athy and Woolloomooloo ran a mile in 1m 50s, while Maniapoto and Famous each did some three-quarter pacing over a similar distance. Marvel Loch and Noreen went nicely over a mile in 1m 56s, a distance which Pompous ran attractively in 1m 48s. Old Gold had the call over Westmead at the end of seven furlongs, run in 1m 35½s, and Kyeadgerie bowled along at a useful pace for about a mile. Little Toy, who is yet very much on the big side, did some half-pacing for about a mile, and Cardross ran six furlongs at his best pace. Comely slipped over seven furlongs in 1m 35s, and, after a steady turn, Disaster travelled a mile at an even time gait, followed by his stable companion, Florance. Clonsilla was treated to a short spurt, and Lady Wallace did some useful work. Delcore and Refrain had a decided call over Hindoo Blue at the end of six furlongs run in 1m 21s, and Arcturus covered a mile and a quarter nicely in 2m 24s. Rosemead ran a mile in 1m 50s, and numerous others, including Vaporise, worked usefully on the grass. Victoria Cross beat Heracles over a mile in 1m 49s on the tan, where Skoperra and Orall's Daughter ran half a mile in 53s. Gollarit galloped a mile on the same rink without being fully extended in 1m 55s, and Mutation moved along freely for a similar distance, while R. J. Mason's New Zealand charges were all out doing easy pacing exercise.

The Phillip gelding Phillip Worth, who has been some time at Kensington in charge of A. Lenehan left last night for Wagga, where he is engaged in a hurdle race at the show meeting. Since this horse joined Lenehan's team he has improved considerably in appearance, and may eventually develop into a useful hurdler. Lady Melena and the Simmer gelding Pastime also left for Wagga last night in charge of their trainer, R. Hoysted.

The long spell of dry weather is causing Randwick trainers much anxiety, especially those with valuable two-year-olds to get ready for the Spring meeting, for some are already compelled to work their youngsters on the tan, which, in the opinion of the experienced, is a desperate departure. If the A.J.C. authorities were to open the outside of the course proper from about the mile and a furlong post to the five furlongs post, the probabilities are that the Breeders' Plate would be a greater success than it is likely to be if the candidates for it are compelled to complete their preparations on a tan gallop.

Our Lismore correspondent wires that the local turf club's races have been further postponed for a fortnight owing to rain.

Entries for Monday's and Wednesday's meetings at Ascot close at 5 p.m. to-day.

The weekly pony and galloway meeting will be held at Rosebery Park to-day, the first event starting at 2 p.m. Special trams will run to the course at frequent intervals from 12.30 p.m.

Chaperon, Hollyanne, and Treasurer, who have been racing in Queensland for some time, were shipped to Newcastle by the steamer Buninyong, which left Brisbane on Tuesday.

The Queensland Turf Club's winter meeting resulted in a profit of £400. The Government, however, was the largest gainer, its cheque per medium of the totalisator tax amounting to £447.

Manilla Racing Club's meeting on September 19 has been registered by the A.J.C.

The following scratchings were recorded at the A.J.C. office yesterday.—Derby: Oreillet and Salerno. Epsom Handicap: Jute, Artol.

The racehorses Trick and Marksman have arrived in Sydney from the Richmond River district, and will probably be given a chance to distinguish themselves over the hurdles.

The latest scratchings in connection with the Moorefield meeting are Solution and Lady Melena for the Flying Handicap, and Philip Worth for the Stewards' Mile.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The following scratchings for the V.R.C. August Meeting have been recorded:—Hurdle Race: Florin and Whitelock. August Handicap: Dividend. Three-and-four-year-old Handicap: Bon Grafton. Welter Handicap: Mira. All engagements: Hairpin and Gravity.

J. Ewart, who until recently trained Mr. J. Wilson, jun.'s horses, is leaving for England in a few days to bring out Mr. J. V. Smith's recent purchase, the thoroughbred stallion Challenger.

Amongst other horses to be sold on Monday by Yuille and Co. is the New Zealander Chivalry.

KALGOORLIE RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

KALGOORLIE (W.A.), Thursday.

The second day's racing in connection with the Kalgoorlie R.C. annual meeting was carried out in fine weather yesterday afternoon, in the presence of an assemblage, variously estimated at between 6000 and 7000, which included the State Governor, Lady Bedford, and suite. The sport provided was of a particularly interesting character. The principal event, the Kalgoorlie Cup, was won in comfortable style by May King, for whom Mr. P. A. Connolly, the owner of Blue Spec, gave 400 guineas last June, the jockey, F. Bullock, who scored a success on Blue Spec in the Melbourne Cup, having the mount. The form in the weight-for-age Spring Stakes on Saturday last indicating that Little Mary held May King safe, deterred Mr. Connolly from throwing in for a good win over the Cup, as he otherwise would have done. The result of the Cup was not a severe blow to the ringmen, with whom Little Mary, The Snail, and Pius were all backed for more money on the course than May King during the week. Speculation was very spirited on all the events throughout the afternoon; the day's totalisator returns showing that a total of £26,618 10s was invested in all the machines. The details are subjoined:—

Kurrawang Hurdles of 200 sovs, about 2¼m.—Leonatus, by The Admiral—Leona, 12st 5lb (Kennedy), 1; Ethelred, 9st 7lb (Paul), 2; Prince Louis, 9st 3lb, 3. Other starters: Best Man, 11st 5lb; Avondale, 11st 5lb; Yale Lock, 11st 4lb; Corringle, 9st 13lb; Seria, 9st 4lb; Bethnal, 9st 1lb; Osman, 9st; Nell, 9st. Betting: 5 to 2 v Avondale, 7 to 1 v Leonatus. Won by five lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 4m 24⅕s. Dividend for £1 invested, £9 15s.

Federal Welter Plate, 150 sovs, 1m.—Fop, by Padlock—Coquette, 8st 13lb (Sutherland), 1; Daylight, 8st 4lb (Solomon), 2; Parro, 9st 7lb (Cody), 3. Other starters: Siesta, 9st 8lb; Cairo, 9st 7lb; Barindi, 8st 12lb; Naughty, 8st 11lb; Quibble, 8st 2lb; Donovan, 8st 2lb; Agnostic, 8st 2lb. Betting: 4 to 1 v Donovan, 7 to 1 v Fop. Won by a neck, a length and a half between second and third. Time, 1m 43⅕s.

Kalgoorlie Cup of 1010 sovs, 1¼m.—Mr. P. A. Connolly's b g May King, by Positano—May Queen, 9st 3lb (F. Bullock), 1; Mr. R. G. Robertson's b g The Snail, 8st 4lb (Sutherland), 2; Mr. H. J. Saunder's Little Mary, 8st 1lb (Trenoweth), 3. Other starters: Scotland, 9st; Durbar, 8st 12lb; Condor, 8st 8lb; Circulus, 8st 8lb; Hatteras, 8st 3lb; Golden Lily, 7st 10lb; Pius, 7st 9lb; Hildabrand, 7st 3lb; Bullion, 7st; Perplex, 6st 13lb; Saltillo, 6st 12lb; Cypher, 6st 10lb; Lord Middleton, 6st 8lb; Forest Charm, 6st 7lb. Betting: 3 to 1 v Little Mary, 4 to 1 v The Snail, 7 to 1 v Pius, 10 to 1 v May King, 12 to 1 v Circulus, 14 to 1 each v Hatteras and Scotland, 16 to 1 v Durbar, 20 to 50 to 1 v others. Saltillo and Perplex took the lead in the early part of the race, with Forest Charm and Scotland at the head of the others. Half a mile from home May King and Little Mary were leading a bunched lot, but Saltillo headed them at the home turn. Once in line for home May King put in his claim, was in front at the distance, followed by The Snail and Little Mary, but the Positano gelding finishing strongly won by a length from The Snail, with Little Mary close up, third. Lord Middleton and Pius were locked together, and after them came Circulus at the head of a big bunch, the last two being Durbar and Golden Lily. Time, 2m 41s. Dividend, £11 17s.

Epsom Handicap of 250 sovs, 6f.—Cold Steel, by Projectile—Trinket, 7st 5lb (Hall), 1; La Simmer, 7st 4lb (Bullock), 2; Lady Agnes, 9st 3lb (Trewartha), 3. Other starters: Gauze, 8st 10lb; Attitude, 8st 6lb; Gerardy, 8st 7lb; Enchanter, 8st 2lb; Milner, 7st 11lb; Mark, 7st 11lb; Betsy Burke, 7st 10lb; The Bee, 7st 10lb; Floral, 7st 6lb; Waverley, 6st 7lb; Scotland Star, 6st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 2 v La Simmer, 12 to 1 v Cold Steel. Won by a length and a half; three-quarters of a length between second and third. Time, 1m 18⅘s. Dividend, £14 10s.

Federal Welter Purse of 150 sovs, 1m.—Quicksilver, by Broken Hill—Primula, 9st 8lb (Solomon), 1; His Majesty, 8st 2lb (Drabble), 2; Honeydew, 9st 12lb (King), 3. Other starters: Indian Prince, 9st 10lb; The Parish, 9st 8lb; Royal Oak, 9st 6lb; Spinifex, 9st 2lb; Beggarman, 9st 2lb; Guardian, 9st; Coromandel, 8st 12lb; Scope, 8st 13lb; Belford, 8st 13lb; Milano, 8st 13lb; Allander, 8st 12lb; Pegasus, 8st 8lb; Noelbunduun, 8st 4lb; Sir George, 8st 2lb. Betting: 3 to 1 v Belford, 12 to 1 v the winner. Won by two lengths; a length between second and third. Dividend, £17 10s.

Gnarlbine Handicap of 150 sovs, 7f.—T.M.S., by Corree—Her Ladyship, 7st 6lb (Havord), 1; Storm Queen, 6st 11lb (Flynn), 2; Scorcher, 8st 5lb (Bullock), 3. Other starters: The Point, 8st 6lb; Rowley Onslow, 8st 2lb; Mark, 8st 1lb; Toora, 7st 8lb; Stoessel, 6st 8lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v The Point, 5 to 1 v T.M.S. Won by two and a half lengths; a length and a quarter between second and third. Time, 1m 33⅘s. Dividend, £5 17s.

COROWA R.C. MEETING.

COROWA, Thursday.

The Corowa races were held to-day. There was a good attendance, and the racing was interesting. Results:—

Hurdle Race of 15 sovs, 2m.—Mr. W. Cullen's Dispute, by Killara—Fiancee, 10st, 1; Mr. M. Darcy's Hamlet, 9st 13lb, 2; Mr. F. R. Moore's La Camille, 9st 11lb, 3. Picaroon, 9st 12lb, and Clara, 9st, also ran. Betting: 2 to 1 v Dispute, 3 to 1 v Hamlet, 5 to 1 v others. Picaroon fell at the second fence. Dispute led all the way, and won easily. Time, 4m 11s.

Trial Stakes, 6f.—Mr. A. P. Brewer's Lady Herat, by Amherst—Coquette, 6st 8lb, 1; Mr. J. Hoysted's Emerald Dally, 2; Mr. R. Way's Fair Gambil, 8st 10lb, 3. Unknown, 9st 8lb, May Day, 7st 3lb, Lola Montes, 7st 8lb, Coogee, 7st, Golden Hair, 7st 8lb, Rosebud, 6st 7lb, Puss, 6st 7lb, also started. Betting: Even money on the winner. Won by a length. Time, 1m 21s.

Show Handicap of 15 sovs, 1m.—Mr. A. Phillips's Innismore, by Rouge et Noir—Idola, 7st 12lb, 1; Mr. W. J. Knight's Waratah, 7st 9lb, 2; Mrs. C. M'Mahon's Fairy Locks, 8st 10lb, 3. Other starters: Gazelle, 7st 6lb; Town Clock, 6st 7lb. The field was sent away without Gazelle, who was late at the post. Betting: 6 to 4 on Fairy Locks, 3 to 1 v the winner. A splendid race, won by a head. Time, 1m 48s.

Welter Handicap of 10 sovs, 7f.—Mr. J. Hoysted's Emerald Dally, by Emerald Dally, 9st 7lb, 1; Mr. F. M. Hoysted's Rosebud, 9st 7lb, 1; Mr. W. Cullen's Dispute, 10st 11lb, 3. Courtesy, 11st 12lb, Gazelle, 11st 7lb, May Day, 9st 9lb, Doubtful Lass, 9st 7lb, also ran. Betting: 6 to 4 v the winner. Time, 1m 41s.

Flying Handicap of 10 sovs, 6f.—Mr. R. Wayling's Fair Gambil, by Biragambie—Wings, 7st 9lb, 1; Mr. A. P. Phillips's Innismore, 8st, 2; Mr. W. J. Knight's Waratah, 7st 10lb, 3. Landgraf, 9st 9lb, Fairylock, 9st 4lb, Gold, 7st 13lb, Gazelle, 7st 10lb, Coogee, 6st 7lb, Idlehurst, 6st 7lb, Golden Hair, 6st 7lb, also ran. Betting: 7 to 1 v the winner. A great race, won by half a head. Time, 1m 21s.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Thursday.

The Canterbury Jockey Club's Grand National Meeting was continued to-day, when the principal events resulted as follows:—

Grand National Hurdle Race of 750 sovs, 2m.—Cuiragno, by Cuirassier—Lady Agnes, 10st 6lb, 1; Hydrant, 10st 2lb, 2; Prospector, 10st 3lb, 3. Time, 4m 4s. Dividends, £5 1s 3d and £1 15s.

August Handicap of 250 sovs, 6f.—Jolly Roger, by Saracen—Merry Maiden, 1; Medalist, 2; Manjess, 3. Time, 1m 22 3-5s. Dividend, £12 8s.

COFF'S HARBOUR PICNIC RACES.

COFF'S HARBOUR, Thursday.

At a meeting held in connection with the proposed picnic races at Coff's Harbour on September 15, Mr. J. Faulkes occupying the chair, the following officials were elected:—Mr. A. L. Walsh, hon sec.; Mr. E. Roberts, treasurer; Mr. John Lee, judge; Mr. R. Smith, starter; Mr. C. Walsh, clerk of course; Mr. J. Moorhead, clerk of scales; Messrs. M'Guren, Nugent, and M'Ilwain, handicappers; and Messrs. Hattersley, Roberts, M'Ilwain, and Jamison, stewards. A good programme was drawn up.

THE A.J.C.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Permit me to endorse all that "Sportsman" says in a recent issue of your paper in regard to the methods of the A.J.C.; and, like him and all others who desire to see the turf placed on a higher plane, I hope the Legislature will provide a representative body to govern all matters appertaining to the sport. It is quite true what "Sportsman" says of trainers, jockeys, and owners quaking when summoned before the present A.J.C. tribunal, and only recently the A.J.C. advertisements were withdrawn from a Sydney paper because it had the audacity to comment on a decision given by the judge to the A.J.C. The methods of the A.J.C. are not only highhanded, but they are tyrannical, un-English, and unfair, and do not tend to the better government of the sport. I will state a few cases. The A.J.C. compels the clubs and race meetings to pay a registration fee, which it greedily devours for its own benefit. It has even refused to the Hawkesbury Agricultural Society's Show—and I suppose to other kindred societies also—permission to have a race on its showground among the miniature ponies who were legitimately exhibited at the show, and were to be ridden by their owners—school-children; as if such a contest as that could, by any stretch of imagination outside the A.J.C. office, be considered "an unregistered race meeting." Again, the A.J.C. committee withdraws the license or refuses the renewal of it to trainers and jockeys without stating any cause whatever for such action. Only the other day three trainers who held No. 1 licenses, entitling them to train horses at Randwick, were relegated to the No. 2 division, which debars them from using that course, but in no instance was the trainer informed of the reason for such a humiliating change. It was at first supposed that as the trainers concerned had for some little time only two or three horses under their care they had offended the dignity of the A.J.C., but that could not have been the case. This taking away and withdrawing of licenses without stating a reason—a similar course is followed with jockeys—is a most un-English proceeding, which is not calculated to raise the present tribunal in the estimation of true sportsmen. When dealing a short while ago with the allotment of racing days in the northern districts, the A.J.C. made it a condition that the Newcastle Club must not give less than £200 per day, though formerly it had given £250, and was making money so fast that it hoped within two or three years to pay off the price of its new racecourse, about £10,000. But while, for some unexplained reason or other, treating the Newcastle Club so generously, the A.J.C., which conducts matters with so high a hand, keeps the Hawkesbury Club at starving point, though it races purely in the interests of sport. How differently it is with Tattersall's Club. That club is allowed to have one of the best days in the year on which to race, and not on an outlying course either, but at Randwick. Would it not be better for the A.J.C. to give that day to a club like the Hawkesbury? Another matter that stands in need of correction is the appointment of stipendiary stewards. All the clubs in the metropolitan area contribute largely to the salaries of these stewards, but they were prohibited from having any voice in their appointment, which was determined by the A.J.C., who picked them out as representing the best talent available, and I notice are patted on the back in the A.J.C. report for the good work they have performed during the season. But while granting the stewards control of the Rosehill, Moorefield, Warwick Farm, Hawkesbury, and both Tattersall's Club's meetings, the A.J.C. committee in effect say, "You are quite capable of conducting these meetings, but we will not give you any voice in supervising the running at our meetings," at which I venture to say expert supervision is most required. No; they must be only spectators while A.J.C. meetings are in course of progress. Further, the A.J.C. committee have left themselves open to the charge of fostering betting offices in the city while professing to see the gambling curse wiped out. They profess to be opposed to any sort of betting except that which goes on at the club and the racecourse, but, while licensing bookmakers on the understanding that they must not be interested in a "betting shop," tell them plainly that they can carry on an "office." It is within the knowledge of most people that betting "offices" kept by bookmakers registered by the A.J.C. are perhaps as numerous as "shops" in the city of Sydney, and quite as openly conducted. I would ask the A.J.C. to state, through your columns, the difference between the two places—the line, in my opinion, being so thin as only to be fixed by a legal mind. In nearly every main thoroughfare in Sydney, including the arcades, are betting offices, and as they are all presided over by registered bookmakers, could not exist without the sanction of the A.J.C. They are not run quietly, but the name of the occupier and the business conducted are displayed boldly on the doors and windows. I could go on to much greater length to show that the A.J.C. has not justified its position as head of the racing affairs of this State, and I hope the time is not far off when it will be prevented from a continuance of such wholesale bungling.

Aug. 16. I am, etc., CARBINE.

POLO.

SYDNEY POLO CLUB.

A Sydney Club team left for Narromine on Wednesday. They will play two matches against the Narromine Club, champions of the Western district, one to-day and the other to-morrow. These teams are well matched and in good form. Exciting contests should eventuate. The Sydney team are the guests of Mr. Frank Mack.

MUSWELLBROOK, Thursday.

In a match at Rosebrook to-day, M'Donald's Quirindi team v Muswellbrook, the latter won by 7 goals to 3. The teams were:—Muswellbrook: Messrs. C. H. Granville, J. H. Keys, James White, C. J. Withycombe. Quirindi: Busby, M'Donald, Norton, White.

COURSING.

KENSINGTON COURSING CLUB.

THE AUGUST STAKES.

The Kensington Coursing Club commenced a two days' meeting on the enclosure at the Kensington Recreation Ground yesterday. The weather was pleasant. The first round and the first ties of the August Stakes were run through, and some interesting trials were witnessed. A few favourites were beaten. Five to four was laid on Queen of Scots, who was defeated by Duke Pendant was favourite at 3 to 1 on in the course with Loch Lomond, and the latter raised her flag. Trial Bay, also 3 to 1 on, was beaten by Miss Booth; 2 to 1 was laid on Daring, who lost to Pasha; and Bush Mills, 5 to 4 on, went down to Darby, but the greatest knock followers of the favourite received was when they laid 8 to 1 on Loftus against Killo and lost. The meeting will be continued to-day, when, in addition to the closing ties in the August Stakes, a couple of supplementary events will be decided. Yesterday's results were:—

THE AUGUST STAKES, for 46 all-aged dogs at £1 1s each that have never won more than £8 8s public prize money in any one stake. Winner, £21; runner-up, £10 10s; two dogs at £4 10s each, four dogs at £2 each.

First Round.

Kildonan beat Blue Metal	Earl Cardigan beat We Two's Daughter
Gatling Gun beat Welcome Home	Schemer beat Loiterer
Pendant beat Colosian	Killo beat Loftus
Loch Lomond beat Maiden Hair	Pasha beat Glenora
Duke beat Queen of Scots	Daring beat Banshee
Delight beat Corn Cob	Hillcrest beat Loving Cup
Trial Bay beat Whipcord	Onward beat Snapshot
Miss Booth beat Paroquet	Wheatear beat Lix All
Killander beat Bacon	Bush Mills beat Haughty Girl
Plausible beat Clarionette	Darby beat Free Fight
Bealiba beat William Wallace	Florrie beat Beesting
	Lightning Change beat Duke of Argyle

First Ties.

Kildonan beat Gatling Gun	Beallaba beat Earl Cardigan
Loch Lomond beat Pendant	Schemer beat Killo
Duke beat Delight	Pasha beat Daring
Miss Booth beat Trial Bay	Hillcrest beat Onward
Killander beat Plausible	Darby beat Wheatear
	Florrie beat Bush Mills
	Lightning Change a bye.

The draw for the extra stakes to be decided to-day is:—

Maiden Stakes.—Onward v Whipcord, Clara v Lix All, Grand Atlanta v Pip Pip.

Novice Stakes.—Tantalus v Dashing Fellow, William Wallace v Welcome Home, Tootalie (late Lady Killer) v Queen of Scots, Corn Cob v Colosian.

The first course will take place at 2 p.m.

VICTORIAN COURSING CLUB.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Valley Cup and St. Leger meeting of the Victoria Coursing Club was concluded in fine weather at Moonee Valley to-day, in the presence of a fair attendance. Hares ran well, and trials, as on the first day, were interesting. Results:—

Valley Cup Final.—Messrs. Bramwell and M'Afee's Beat All beat Mr. C. M. Cock's Full Captain.

St. Leger Final.—Mr. A. Gilder's Trusty Major beat Messrs. O'Dwyer Brothers' Victor Daley.

Glenroy Stakes Final.—Mr. W. T. Rowe's Claymore beat Mr. C. G. Ayton's Message Lad.

Brunswick Stakes Final.—Mr. J. Walsh's Shandon Lass and Mr. C. M. Cock's First Flight divided.

FOOTBALL.

AUSTRALIAN RULES.

PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPETITIONS.

The following additional matches have been played:—William-street defeated St. Leonards by 7 goals (Butcher, Jones, Perry, Walford (3), and Hardley) to 4 goals (Keen, Greenwood, Rowe, and Lang), in the final of No. 1 District competition.

Kegworth defeated Homebush by 5 goals (E. Piggott (2), L. Warner, S. Montgomery, and Hasson) to 3 goals (Prentice, Bessington, and Cole), in the semi-final of No. 6 District.

Ryde defeated Drummoyne by 6 goals (Barnett (4), Nevitt (2), to 3 goals (Barder (2) and Brown), in the final of No. 7 District competition.

Petersham, Waverley, and Pyrmont combined defeated Fort-street, Kogarah, and Mosman combined, by 12 goals to 5—(Law (2), A. Souter (2), Fraser (2), Elphinston (2), D. Souter, Trilby, and Mitchel and Walker (2).

Combined Districts 1 and 2 defeated Combined Districts 3 and 4 by 2 goals (Wilton 2) to 1 (Smith).

Ashfield defeated Summer Hill by 4 goals (Wolls, R. Richardson (2), and Wallace) to 3 goals (Kerry, Selig, and Post), in the semi-final of No. 6 District.

Camdenville defeated St. Peters by 6 goals (Manning (2), Satter (2), Clayton, and Kelso) to 5 goals (Gardner (2), Barry (2), and Russel).

The following is the draw for this afternoon, play to start at 3.30 p.m.:—

A Division semi-finals.—Petersham v Waverley, at Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2; Fort-street v Kogarah, at Redfern oval.

B Division, No. 2 District.—William-street v St. Leonards, East St. Leonards, and Blacktown (combined), at Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2 at 2.30.

No. 2 District.—Double Bay v Bondi, Paddington and Coogee (combined), Centennial Park.

No. 3 District semi-finals.—Erskineville v Botany, Surrey Ground; Alexandria v Waterloo, Alexandria oval.

No. 4 District semi-finals.—Marrickville West v winner of Camdenville v St. Peters match, Enmore land's paddock.

No. 5 District semi-finals.—Hurstville v Mortdale, Hurstville School Ground.

No. 6 District, final.—Kegworth v Ashfield, at St. Luke's Park.

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The following table shows the positions of the teams in the above competition at the conclusion of the first round:—

	Matches Won.	Lost.	Comp. Points.
St. Augustine's, Balmain East	11	0	44
Sacred Heart, Darlinghurst	10	1	40
St. Charles', Waverley	8	3	32
St. Vincent's, Redfern	8	3	32
St. Thomas', Lewisham	4½	6	18
St. Joseph's, Newtown	5	6	20
St. James', Forest Lodge	3½	6	14
St. Joseph's, Balmain West	6	5	24
St. Francis', Paddington	6	5	24
St. Joseph's, Woollahra	1	8	4
St. Charles' B, Waverley	1	9	4

NEW ZEALAND FOOTBALL.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

The Otago v Southland Rugby football match ended in a draw. Wairarapa defeated Canterbury by 15 points to 9.

QUEANBEYAN, Thursday.

Cooma Waratah and Queanbeyan Eagle Clubs played a match on the local ground on Wednesday, and after a very uneven game the locals won by 24 points to nil. H. Royal secured two tries, and F. Holland, C. Williams, E. Gregory, and A. Fitzgitts one each, the lastnamed player kicking a goal. The visitors were entertained at a banquet in the evening.

GOLF.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING.

The New South Wales ladies' championship meeting was continued yesterday, when the ladies' championship doubles and the doubles handicap were decided. A rather strong wind prevailed. The following were the results:—

Ladies' Championship Doubles, one round against bogey (long course).

Miss Meares and Miss Caird, 2 down.
Mrs. Langer Owen and Mrs. J. O. Fairfax, 5 down.
Mrs. Aitken and Mrs. Lethbridge, 6 down.
Miss Mort and Miss Wray, 6 down.

Ladies' Doubles Handicap (short course).

Miss Walker and Mrs. Martin, hcp. 8, square.
Miss Parbury and Miss Gibson, hcp. 9, 2 down.

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

The gold medal competition will take place to-day over the long course, beginning at 12. The medal is presented by the Ladies' Golf Union and only the silver medallist of each associated club is eligible to compete. The medal will be played for in conjunction with the A-grade bogey, the first eleven in the draw given below competing for the medal. A B-grade bogey will also be played. The draw is:—Miss Ryan v Miss Johnson, Mrs. Aitken v Miss N. Caird, Mrs. Lethbridge v Mrs. W. A. Martin, Miss C. Trevor Jones v Miss C. A. Holmes, Mrs. Mackenzie v Mrs. E. R. St..., Mrs. E. R. Evans v Mrs. Ashdown, Mrs. Cox v Miss Meares, Mrs. Allan v Mrs. Roberts, Miss J. Lee v Miss L. Morrice, Miss Walker v Miss Robertson, Miss Hoyle v Miss Austin, Mrs. Thiel v Miss Kiss, Mrs. Pring v Miss Whytt, Miss Kenny v Miss Cape, Mrs. Langer Owen v Miss Parbury, Mrs. Conolly v Mrs. Buckland.

B-grade bogey: Mrs. Fitz-Hill v Miss Gibson, Mrs. Sands v Mrs. Hodson, Miss Morey v Miss A. Thomas, Miss M. Lee v Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Linder v Mrs. Wickham, Mrs. Stopp v Mrs. Phillip, Miss Mole v Mrs. Metcalfe, Mrs. Wallis v Miss Murdoch, Miss Marks v Mrs. M'Carthy, Mrs. Sydney Jones v Miss Leitch, Mrs. Hill v Miss Milson, Miss Laidley v Miss Patterson.

WAGGA v ALBURY.

WAGGA, Thursday.

A match between Albury and Wagga was played at Wagga yesterday, and resulted in a win for Wagga by 1. The scores were:—

Wagga.			Albury.	
A. H. Raleigh	sq	v	North	sq
Walsh	0	v	Burt	1
Ferris	1	v	Stephen	0
Shannon	0	v	Powrie	1
Broadhurst	1	v	Lipscombe	0
Thomas	1	v	Burrow	0
Total	3		Total	2

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

WALLACE CONTINENTAL ROAD RACE.

The promoters of the great Bathurst to Sydney road race report that everything is progressing well in connection with the contest, which will take place to-morrow. Provided fine weather prevails the race should prove a great success. A large crowd of interstate and local riders left Sydney yesterday for Bathurst. Amongst those who departed may be mentioned Brook and Plunkett, of Sydney, and several riders from Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, and Queensland. The riders intend to make their run by easy stages, so as to familiarise themselves with the road. Most of the other country and local riders have already left for the western city so as to have a few days' rest there previous to the big event.

NEW SOUTH WALES' CYCLISTS' UNION.

TEN MILES PACERS' RACE.

The 10 miles handicap road race which the New South Wales Cyclists' Union has arranged for all riders who acted as official pacemakers in the late Dunlop premiership will be held over the Homebush course on Saturday, the start and finish of the race being at the Horse and Jockey Hotel. The limit man will be despatched at 3.15 p.m. The usual racing numbers must be worn during the race. The following are the handicaps:—P. J. Deane, 1m; H. H. Watson, F. F. Yeastley, W. M... ter, W. J. Brameyer, 1m 20s; P. M..., E. E. Carton, G. Donald, A. K. Mackenzie, F. Kaltenbach, ...n, 30s; W. E. Moors, G. L. Walkden, W. T. Matt..., ...was, 1m 40s; W. Stewart, L. C. Keepence, F. R. B..., ...y, 1m 50s; B. Mills, T. Brewer, T. A. Kennedy, Doust, 2m; G. Hooper, F. G. Dowsett, W. R. J..., ...ox, 2m 10s; W. Knox, W. Hughes, 2m 20s; W. P. ..., F. R. Watson, 2m 30s; R. Goddard, 2m 40s; W. ..., Dougherty, S. R. Crook, T. Green, J. W. Hend..., ...an, 2m 50s; S. Bradbury, E. A. M'Gregor, E. H. ..., ...ellins, 3m; J. Glasson, 3m 10s; R. A. Brown, 3m..., F. A. Betts, G. Baker, 3m 40s; C. J. Thomas, 3m 50s; A. W. H. Baker, 4m.

REDFERN BICYCLE CLUB.

The Redfern Bicycle Club will hold a five miles road race over the Homebush course on Saturday. The start and finish will be at the Horse and Jockey Hotel, and will be run off at 3.15 p.m. The following are the handicaps:—R. Mackenzie, scr; H. M. Tatham, 5s; W. H. Toose, 10s; H. E. Lofts, J. E. Hill, 15s; C. Donald, C. A. Pyke, 25s; S. T. M..., ...t, 30s; W. Truman, 35s; R. Jackson, 40s; G. Lac..., 50s; J. Chamberlain, 55s; W. H. Sharman, 1m; ... Moray, 1m 5s; R. J. Wrigley, 1m 10s; S. Tamsett, 1m 15s; T. H. Harvey, 1m 20s; G. H. Millar, 1m 25s; T. O'Halloran, 1m 30s; P. C. Lees, 2m 20s; J. J. Gallagher, 2m 30s; G. R. Robinson, 2m 40s.

ANNANDALE BICYCLE CLUB.

Entries for the Annandale Club's road race were closed definitely on Saturday at the club rooms, Hunter-street. The race, which will be held over 20 miles course on the Parramatta-Windsor road, on August 25, promises to be exceptionally keen, and there will be a very valuable prize-list for successful competitors.

CARRYING LUGGAGE ON BICYCLES.

What is the best method of carrying luggage when on tour is a question frequently asked. To a great extent this depends on the amount of luggage to be carried. The head of the bicycle can be utilised for the conveyance of small packages, and is the spot where weight is least likely to drag when riding. On the other hand, when the luggage is somewhat bulky, carrying it on the head is apt to interfere with the steering, and similarly a bulky parcel in the frame will not allow free movement of the knees, though for short week-end trips a small valise in the frame will be found very convenient. On the back wheel luggage always makes its presence felt when riding up hill, but has the advantage of not interfering with either the pedalling or the control of the machine. Probably the latter is the best position of all, and is the one most commonly adopted.

LA COUPE DE FRANCE.

The 6000 kilometre touring competition, which was being organised by "Le Matin," was to have taken place early this month, and was to be of an entirely touring character. Although the regulations of the competition were not fully complete when the latest files left home it was believed that it would be divided into three distinct classes as follows:—Wheels: Open only to manufacturers, and for which any kind of tyres could be entered. Every care to be taken to see that the weight carried in each car would be equal. Consumption: As in all consumption tests, to be under surveillance. Reliability: Every part of the car to be stamped, and each day it would have to be placed in a guarded enclosure. A proportional mean speed would be given to each car, and according to that speed they would be classed on arrival.

TAR AS A DUST-LAYER.

Tar seems to be adopted almost universally for the prevention of dust, and in the neighbourhood of Paris a special apparatus has been used for spreading the dust-layer. On the other hand, reports are to be believed, the tar used on the Sarthe Circuit, over which the Grand Prix was held, had a very disastrous effect on the eyes of the competitors, causing inflammation of the eyelids to several of the competitors, and one driver (Lancia) is said to have finished his run "weeping" bitterly from the pain caused through the tarred grit getting into his eyes. The ordinary tarred roads in England or in Australia, however, are not subjected to the severe usage which the Sarthe Circuit received during the progress of the Grand Prix race, when racing monsters passed at intervals of a few minutes for no less than three rounds. At any rate, active inventive minds are busy on the question of the dust problem, and it is possible that in the near future a complete solution of the difficulty will be arrived at.

EXHAUST CUT-OUTS.

The Motor Union of Great Britain has recently been sending letters to the various motor manufacturers asking them to co-operate in discouraging the fitting of exhaust cut-outs. There is no doubt that the use of these is a source of great offence to the general public, and is apt also to cause accidents through the excessive noise frightening horses. There is no advantage in using this contrivance on touring cars, and the union is well advised in protesting against what may be termed a public nuisance.

CRICKET.

At the annual meeting of the St. Peters Cronulla C.C. the election of officers resulted as follows:—Patron, Mr. R. Hollis, M.L.A.; president, Mr. W. Holden; vice-presidents, Messrs. Blundell, G. Foster, R. J. Anderson, M.L.A., Johnson, M.P., G. C. Swinbourne, H. A. Scott, J. ..., W. Kerr, Brennan, E. Pears, W. Walker, J. Solomon, L. Walker, E. Blythe and R. Muir; hon. secretary, Mr. F. J. Gleeson; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Walker; captain, Mr. H. C. Eaton; vice-captain, Mr. Wilson; management committee, Messrs. H. C. Eaton, E. Pears, and T. J. Gleeson; selection committee, Messrs. F. Talbot, F. Milson, and E. Pears; delegates to Western Suburbs C.A., Messrs. E. Pears and T. J. Gleeson; and auditors, Messrs. H. C. Eaton and A. Foster.

LAWN TENNIS.

QUEENSLAND TOURNAMENT.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The match between the Queensland ladies' tennis team and Mrs. Barry's team of Sydney ladies was played yesterday, and resulted in a win for Queensland ladies by 8 sets 50 games to 4 sets 44 games after a splendid contest, which was much closer than the scores in sets indicate. The Sydney ladies wore dark blue colours as an indication that they were not representative of New South Wales, and also small light-blue rosettes. Although the weather was showery there was a good attendance. Results:—

Misses Mant and M. Larard (Q.) v Mrs. Barry and Miss Peapes (Sydney), 6-1, 6-1, 6-4.

Misses Mant and Larard (Q.) v Misses Gordon (Sydney), 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Misses Thurlow and Horton (Q.) v Misses Gordon (Sydney), 3-6, 1-6, 6-3.

Misses Thurlow and Horton (Q.) v Mrs. Barry and Miss Peapes (Sydney), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Queensland ladies, 8 sets 50 games; Sydney ladies, 4 sets 44 games.

The results in tournament were:—

All-comers' Singles—Gentlemen.

Kilgour (N.S.W.) v Joice, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4, 6-2.
Pockley (N.S.W.) v M'Leod Marsh (N.S.W.), 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.
Parker (N.S.W.) v Ellwell, 6-0, 6-0, 6-0.
M. H. Marsh v Kilgour (N.S.W.), 6-4, 6-2, 6-0.
Gregg (N.S.W.) v Cupples, 6-0, 6-2, 6-1.

All-comers' Doubles—Gentlemen.

Doust and Pockley (N.S.W.) v Gregg and Richardson, 6-2, 6-6, 6-0.
Marsh and Marsh v Thurlow and Blackstock, 1-6, 6-4, 6-0.

Challenge Pairs.

Lindeman and Miss Lindeman (N.S.W.) v St. John and Miss Thurlow, 7-5, 6-8, 6-3.
Kilgour and Miss Mackintosh v Tozer and Miss Purves, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Gentlemen's Singles Handicap.

Allom (owe 15 3-6) v M'Leod Marsh (N.S.W., owe 40), 6-3, 6-2.
Parker (N.S.W., owe 40) v Edkins (owe 1-6 15), 6-4, 6-2.

Ladies' Doubles Handicap.

Mrs. Barry and Miss Peapes (owe 15) v Misses Pelton and Crowther (rec. 2-6 15), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

Mixed Doubles Handicap.

Cottell and Miss Mitchell (owe 15) v Lindeman and Miss Lindeman (owe 30 3-6), 6-3, 3-6 (unfinished).
Thomas and Miss Fitzhardinge (N.S.W., owe 30) v Thomson and Miss Platt (scratch), 6-0, 6-1.

Open Singles.

Kilgour (N.S.W.) v Fogarty, 6-2, 6-1.

Ladies' Singles Handicap.

Miss D. Gordon (N.S.W., owe 15 3-6) v Miss Fitzhardinge (N.S.W., owe 2-6), 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.

LADIES' BADGE MATCHES.

The first of the ladies badge matches (in the B grade) was played at Leichhardt yesterday, when Austenham defeated University by 25 games. Scores:—

Austenham. University.

Misses Baker and Peck v Misses Clouston and Docker, 6-1, 6-0.
Misses Baker and Peck v Misses Bowman and M'Donald, 6-3, 6-0.
Misses Wilson and Crowhurst v Misses Bowman and M'Donald, 6-3, 6-5.
Misses Wilson and Crowhurst v Misses Clouston and Docker, 2-6, 6-1.

Totals.—Austenham, 7 sets 44 games; University, 1 set 19 games.

ROWING.

Although the rowing season in Sydney is practically over so far as the amateurs are concerned, there is nominally a beginning in the early spring. Our rowing clubs hold races for their members at frequent intervals throughout the year, but this racing is to keep the oarsmen about the boat-houses, and so have them well in hand when the regattas are being held. Many rowers call off in the winter term, so that they may follow football and other land games, and this has always been a source of worry to club officers, because not only is a considerable amount of revenue lost, but the men lose touch with the sport. Mercantile Club will hold a trial fours race on Saturday, and has 40 men entered, thus being able to put out ten crews, which are made up of experienced oarsmen and novices. On the following Saturday Balmain Club will hold an invitation fours, the crews being made up of the members of our several clubs. There will be a large entry and an interesting afternoon's racing. The Rowing Association will hold a regatta on October 6, the programme being:—Maiden fours, maiden eights, champion four, and junior fours. A week later Sydney Club's annual regatta will take place, and in addition to races for members, there will be two events for all clubmen. These are maiden fours and senior fours. St. Ignatius Regatta will be held October 27, the open races being maiden fours, junior fours, senior eights, and a sculling handicap in best boats. Henley-on-Yarra Regatta will be held the same day in Melbourne; and November 12 Balmain Public Regatta will take place. Here the amateurs will have five or six races. It is probable that before the end of the year there will be a second regatta for the Rowing Association, and one or two club regattas, so there is a busy time before the amateurs. From January to the end of April there will be several regattas, and in May the interstate races at Adelaide. University Boat Club will hold their annual races in May and June, and the inter-University race in the latter month. The prospects for the new regatta season are good, and clubs report increases of members.

BILLIARDS.

THE MARKERS' TOURNAMENT.

The fourth round in the above was concluded at Heiron and Smith's billiard parlour, 214 Castlereagh-street, last night, when J. M'Goffin, rec. 205, beat "Empire," rec. 300, by 125; F. Smith, jun., rec. 230, beat A. Thompson, rec. 215, by 38. The draw for the semi-final, which will be played to-night, resulted as follows:—J. McGoffin, rec. 205, v G. Hall, rec. 265; "Bismark," rec. 220, v F. Smith, jun., rec. 250.

CITY TATTERSALL'S TOURNAMENT.

Last night's results in the above were:—A. Johnstone, rec. 135, beat G. Keighery, rec. 100, by 17; J. Bullus, rec. 75, beat A. B. Jones, rec. 50, by 19. The following games will be played to-night:—M. Levy, rec. 40, v C. Waterhouse, rec. 105; H. Underwood, rec. 120, v E. O. Allen, rec. 100.

UNREGISTERED RACE MEETINGS.

PONY OWNERS' GRIEVANCES.

DEPUTATION TO MR. WADE.

The owners of racing ponies within the metropolitan area, numbering about 400, fear that under the proposed new legislation, restricting the number of pony meetings, they will be like Othello, without occupation. Twenty of their number formed a deputation to the Attorney-General, Mr. Wade, yesterday, and were introduced by Mr. D. Storey, M.L.A.

The principal spokesman of the party was Mr. Herbert Miller, who said that the bill would injuriously affect breeders of ponies throughout the State. They all sympathised with the object of the bill, so far as it proposed to minimise gambling. Statements had been made that pony racing acted as a feeder to the gaming shops, but those who had the interest of pony racing at heart, would like to see them abolished, as they were a drain on the sport.

Mr. Wade: If bookmakers interested in bettingshops were also owners of ponies, would not the two work together?

Mr. Miller: To the detriment of the sport.

Mr. Wade: But they would work together.

Mr. Miller said that the town betting was against the interests of every class of sport. The average value of horses sold to India might be reckoned at £20 per head. Last year, the total value of these horses was about £1029, whereas owing to their racing performances they brought £10,260. Ponies of the best class were worth from £250 to £350, and one good pony would maintain a family. The bill provided for 24 racing days in the year. Previously they had been racing three days a week, and though they admitted that a reduction was desirable, the reduction proposed would annihilate the pony game. It costs £2 a week to maintain a horse, and the sport gave employment to 500 attendants. Pony owners, he contended, were toilers and producers, and were entitled to consideration. All requirements would be met if pony owners were given equal rights with horse owners.

In reply to Mr. Wade, several members of the deputation said that a reduction to two days a week would be fair.

Mr. George Gallimore said that the majority of ponies were in reality big enough and capable enough to compete at Randwick, or to enter for the Melbourne Cup.

Mr. W. H. Brown remarked that it was only necessary to glance at the bill to see the A.J.C. in it.

Mr. Wade: It is not based on the A.J.C. views, I can assure you of that. Replying to the deputation, he said that he was only too glad to get any opinions that would enable him to do justice to everyone and solve a difficult and perplexing question. He had not gone through the world with his eyes shut, and he knew as well as anyone else what abuses existed. He wanted to take the opportunity of clearing up several misconceptions. The bill was not designed in the interests of the A.J.C. There was no consultation or suggestion made directly or indirectly with any racing club in any part of New South Wales. The bill was drawn up in the public interest. The view which he took of the matter was that a club formed for the purpose of encouraging sport was one which was more likely to raise the tone of sport than a proprietary club, which put profits first and gave sport a secondary place. Everyone was agreed that pony racing was excessive, and the only point was the precise number to which the present number of meetings should be reduced. The intention was to allow something like 70 meetings a year, it being immaterial whether they were held on one course or several. The suggestion that they should allow by Act of Parliament ponies to compete side by side with horses, and pony owners to train horses, would imply that they must provide by Act of Parliament that those clubs which at present objected should be compelled to submit to this condition. That would be a very large order. He assured them that while it was proposed to reduce the number of pony meetings, no loophole would be given for increasing the number of horse races. He was open to further information as to what the reduction should be, but consideration would be given to the interests of those whose regular occupation and whose vested interests were connected with pony racing. In any event, the new legislation would not come into effect until the beginning of next year.

Mr. Miller: It might be suggested that at the beginning of the year the A.J.C. might allow any man to take his choice as to which branch he would follow.

Mr. Wade: That seems to me to be a perfectly reasonable thing.

As the deputation was leaving Mr. Wade asked what definition of pony was adopted.

Mr. Gallimore: They are all sizes. I have a pony of sixteen hands.

Mr. Wade: A fine healthy pony. (Laughter.)

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FUNERALS.

GIBNEY.—The Friends of the late PATRICK GIBNEY are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from 464 Bourke-street, Surry Hills, THIS DAY, at 2.30, for Waverley Cemetery.
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GIBNEY.—The Friends of EDWARD FLANAGAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late COUSIN, Patrick Gibney; to move from 464 Bourke-street, Surry Hills, THIS DAY, at 2.30, for Waverley Cemetery. REUBEN W. THOMAS, Undertaker, 44 York-street, city. Tel., 1734.

LORD.—The Friends of Mr. GEORGE LORD and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved WIFE and MOTHER; to leave their residence, 147 Evans-street, Rozelle, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for the Necropolis.
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LORD.—The Officers and Members of L.O.L. No. 33, are requested to attend the Funeral of the late WIFE of Brother George Lord; to move from her late residence, Evans-street, Rozelle, THIS DAY, 10 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery.
C. NASH, W.M.; B. SHEPHERD, Secretary.

LORD.—Coronation, L.O.L., 312.—Officers and Members of above Lodge and Sister Lodges are respectfully requested to attend the Funeral of our Late departed SISTER; to leave her late residence, 147 Evans-st, Rozelle, at 1 p.m., for Rookwood. Drag in attendance. T. Patterson, W.M.; W. Waller, Sec.

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